



Scouting is where youth build character, learn to lead, make life-long friends doing once-in-a-lifetime things. Scouting is where bright futures begin.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA PROGRAMS

CUB SCOUTS Through fun activities, challenging adventures and community service projects, Cub Scouts discover the importance of cooperation, citizenship, responsibility and physical fitness in their everyday lives. (for girls and boys in grades k-5)

SCOUTS BSA Service, community engagement and leadership development become increasingly important parts of the program as youth lead their own activities and work their way toward earning Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout. (for girls and boys ages 11-17)

EXPLORING This career exploration and work force development program gives youth practical insight and hands-on knowledge in a career field of their choice. (for youth ages 14-20 years old)

VENTURING provides positive experiences through exciting and meaningful youth-run activities for pursuing special interests, growing by teaching others, and developing leadership skills. (for youth ages 14-20 years old)

"There's no question; our youth and community benefit from every young man or woman committed to living by the Scout Oath. I watched my son advance through Scouting and become the young man he is today. If there's anything I can do to make that happen for every Scout, I will gladly do it."



Buzz Eckelkamp
Council Commissioner and Scout Dad

YOUR COUNCIL LEADERSHIP



Mark Burkhardt // Council President
Managing Principal, Burkhill Real Estate, LLC



Louis "Buzz" Eckelkamp // Council Commissioner
President, Bank of Washington



Ronald Green // Scout Executive/CEO
Greater St. Louis Area Council, BSA



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GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA COUNCIL
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FRIENDS OF SCOUTING



SCOUTING IS MORE THAN
A BADGE OR A UNIFORM

IT'S ESCAPING THE GREAT INDOORS.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Your Friends of Scouting gift helps provide our Scouts with local camps, programs, and leadership to ensure the best Scouting experience. Each Scout is supported by approximately \$204 in funding supplied by Friends of Scouting.

“What really makes the difference when it comes to making a success of your life? For me, it’s about one thing: character. It is resilience, common sense, kindness and an independent of mind. It’s about inspiring others and believing in yourself. That’s why Scouting is so important. We develop the soft skills that employers so desperately seek. It’s also about family. My wife and two sons are involved in Scouting together. It gives us an opportunity to get away from the everyday situations of life and spend time together. I can’t say enough good things about Scouting and what it means to me.”

Jason Shadowen—Herrin, IL

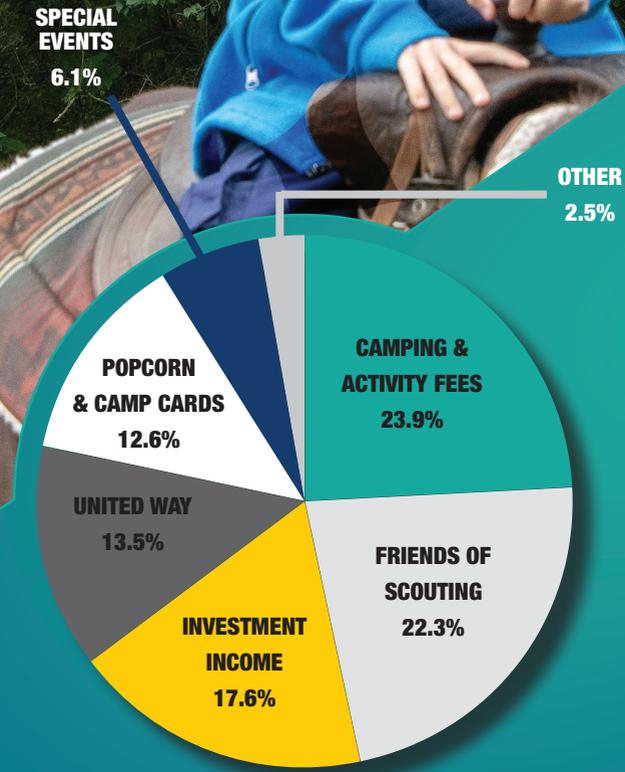


YOUR FRIENDS OF SCOUTING GIFT MEANS

- » Serving nearly 69,000 youth across 63 counties in Missouri and Illinois with our unique Scouting program.
- » Giving every youth the chance to be a Scout, no matter what their economic circumstances may be.
- » Providing support and training of 13,903 volunteer leaders who deliver the Scouting program to our region’s youth.
- » Providing a safe and fun Scouting experience.
- » Delivering unique adventures you will only find in Scouting.

THE COST OF SCOUTING

The Council pays \$204 per Scout, which provides one year of our wonderful program for each Scout (beyond our National BSA registration fees). The annual Friends of Scouting Campaign provides direct support to operate our Council and our local Districts through:



How Scouting Is Funded

Expense Breakdown:
Program—84.82%, Fundraising—10.04%, Management—5.14%

- Camp properties for summer and weekend camping and activities
- Assistance to disadvantaged youth
- Activities and Programs for your Scouts
- Membership Recruitment and Advancement
- Training and Courses for leaders
- Service Centers & Scout Shops
- Program Outreach
- Accident and General Liability Insurance



“Scouting is a great and fun program that teaches you life skills that you can put to use in the future.”

**Blake South, Troop 7019
Herrin, IL**



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Let’s make giving easy! Give your donation right from your smartphone by texting SOUTHIL20 to 91999.

Yes, I pledge to support Scouting!

DONOR INFORMATION

I wish for my gift to stay anonymous

Donor Name _____

Signature _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Date _____

Email _____

Employer: _____

Does your employer match gifts? Yes No

Please initiate matching gift process with your employer.

AFFILIATION

Pack #: _____ Troop #: _____ Crew/Post #: _____

District _____ Eagle Scout Yes No

GIVING LEVELS

Sponsor one Scout: \$204+

- One payment of \$204
 - Four payments of \$51
 - 12 Monthly payments of \$17
- Recognition: Council FOS patch

\$500+

- One payment of \$500
 - Four payments of \$125
 - 12 Monthly payments of \$41.67
- Recognition: Council pocket knife

\$800+

- One payment of \$800
 - Four payments of \$200
 - 12 Monthly payments of \$66.67
- Recognition: Council stadium blanket

Square Knot Society: \$1200+

- One payment of \$1200
 - Four payments of \$300
 - 12 Monthly payments of \$100
- Recognition: Council square knot shoulder patch

Other gift amount: \$ _____

BECOME A GATEWAY GIVER

By making a recurring monthly donation, you’ll be helping Scouts for years to come. Select an amount and complete the credit card payment information below.

\$17/mo. \$42/mo. \$67/mo. \$100/mo. Other \$ _____/mo.
This is a recurring gift and will continue until you request otherwise.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

- Bill me (as indicated above)
- Check enclosed (payable to Greater St. Louis Area Council)
- Gave online \$ _____
- Credit card number: _____
Exp. date: _____
Signature: _____