

Friends of Scouting: At a Glance

Friends of Scouting is an overall fundraising campaign to support the District and Council Operations. The Boy Scouts of America is a 501(c) (3) corporation.

It has three divisions:

1. Scouter

- a. Focuses on: District Committee members, Commissioners, and former District Volunteers
- b. Run by Key 3; the District Chairman, the District Commissioner and the District Executive

2. Family

- a. Focuses on an individual from within the unit to promote and educate families about FOS to participate.
- b. Run by a District Volunteer
- c. Trained volunteers from either district or units go into units and make presentations
- d. Runs from Nov-March (preferably)
- e. Does not officially end until Dec 31st of the following year (2011)

3. Community

- a. Focuses on community contribution.
- b. We reach to several companies in the local area to support Scouting in Loudoun County through financial contributions.
- c. We have the special even, known as the Good Scouter Dinner.



Why Contribute?

- As a whole this money goes to support the Council and all of its functions.
- This is the only money that families and volunteers give that goes to council.
 - Most families don't understand why they pay \$X amount in unit dues and then are asked to give to FOS. The \$15 registration fee goes to the National BSA office in Texas and the rest stays within the unit.
- Registration payment does not go to your council but goes to the National office in Texas.
- That it costs \$185 for your council to support each registered youth.
- Every Campership is funded through Friends of Scouting!
- Funds your council website and all the publications that are sent to your home.
- Serving the Community – Scouting for Food, Camperships



- Improving Program – Snyder, Goshen and Day Camp resources
- Supplies for Recruitment and JSN – Fliers, signs, posters, free giveaways, applications recruitment videos
- Knots and other awards that youth and volunteers earn – Costs the council \$100 to process one Eagle Scout Award and about \$30 to process a leader/youth recognition
- Training – POW WOW, University of Scouting, Commissioners College, etc.

- Publications – Scouter's Digest, Fliers, Etc.

Did you know that the National Capital Area Council...

- #1 in the ratio of registered volunteers leaders to youth members
- is the third largest Boy Scout council in the country
- #1 in Eagle Scouts- Nearly 900 Eagle Scouts awarded this past year
- has been a National Quality Council for 10 consecutive years
- has over 60% of all units achieve Quality Unit status
- spends an average of \$185 per scout per year in operating funds



Your commitment to the FOS Campaign helps NCAC to be the very best!