



PARENT LETTER

To be emailed or mailed to all families in the unit by the Unit Coordinator 1-2 weeks prior to presentation.

To the parents of (*UNIT and NUMBER*):

On (*DATE or EVENT*), we will be having our Friends of Scouting (FOS) presentation. Friends of Scouting is the one time each year when parents are asked to contribute financially to support the Three Fires Council. I wanted to send some information out ahead of time so that you understand what Friends of Scouting supports.

As a (*PACK or TROOP*), we ask you to pay (*PACK or TROOP*) dues that cover national registration fees, *Boys Life* fees, and support our local (*PACK or TROOP*.) Friends of Scouting dollars also go toward “behind the scenes” expenses that the Three Fires Council incurs during the year that we are able to take advantage of. Examples of expenses include operating costs for the council camps, the Scout Shops, and the Norris Service Center; district and council programs and activities, such as day camps and camporees; Adult Leader Training; and paid accident and sickness insurance coverage for all registered youth and leaders. FOS donations also provide campership assistance for Scouts whose families would not otherwise be able to afford to send their child to camp or join Scouting.

Contributions vary from \$25 to \$3,000 and even more. It takes about \$185 to support the services and programs provided by the Council plus all of the expenses incurred per Scout each year. If you can afford more than \$185, the additional amount will help support Scouts who are less fortunate. If you cannot give \$185, please give whatever you can. When making your decision, consider how much your son and other boys benefit from Scouting. Special recognition will be given to anyone who contributes \$185 or more.

At the presentation, you will receive a Friends of Scouting card. (*A sample copy is attached to this email.*) I ask that you be prepared to make a donation at that time. You can write a check for the full amount or your pledge can be paid in installments, such as \$20 per month. We also accept American Express, MasterCard, Visa, and Discover cards. Donations can even be made online. This can be especially beneficial if you are unable to attend the presentation.

Thank you for your consideration. I believe that supporting Friends of Scouting is important and challenge you to help us reach our goal.

FOS Unit Coordinator
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