



# FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

## What is Friends of Scouting?

Friends of Scouting, more commonly known as FOS, is the Council's annual fundraising campaign which ensures that the youth program in French Creek Council can continue to thrive and grow. The Scouting Program is self-funded, and self-sustaining, and relies 100% on the generous support of the families, businesses, and community organizations who recognize the value of the program. Simply put; it is people like YOU who dictate the future of the Boy Scouts of America.

## Where Does My Gift Go?

When you give an FOS gift at your unit's annual Blue & Gold, or Red & White banquet, you are supporting the council scouting program as a whole. These funds go to things such as:

1. Keeping camp and activity costs as low as possible.
2. Helping to subsidize leader training and keeping programs current.
3. Helping to maintain camping and council properties.
4. Providing communication tools for volunteer leaders.
5. Providing youth camp scholarships, allowing ALL youth to experience the best scouting has to offer.

**All FOS gifts support LOCAL scouting.** Whereas registration fees go directly to the National Office, your voluntary gift stays to support your child's experience. It takes over \$270 PER YOUTH, PER YEAR for French Creek Council to provide complete services to ensure a quality experience.

## Every Dollar Counts

We understand that every family has different giving abilities, but please understand that every dollar counts. If you are able to support the full experience of one scout for an entire year, that is incredibly special and generous. However, if you are able to support even a small portion of a scout's experience, that is also incredibly special and generous, and we thank you for your support!

## You Have Options

You don't have to give all at once! Semi-annual, quarterly, and monthly payment options are available!

**THANKYOU FOR SUPPORTING THE SCOUTING PROGRAM!**

