



Why should my Unit hold a Friends of Scouting presentation?

Excellent question. Here's why...

- 1) **Registration fees for Scouting do not benefit the local Council** but instead go directly to our National Office in Irving, TX to pay for insurance costs and background checks.
- 2) You may think, **“We already support the Council by selling popcorn, why should we hold a Friends of Scouting?”** Valid question, but popcorn is only a small part of our budget. Family FOS is where the bulk of the fundraising dollars for the Council come from.
- 3) **But where does this money go?** This money offsets the cost of Scouting by covering the cost each year for the Council and District to provide adult leader trainings, maintain and operate the Council service centers and two camps in Oregon, IL and Stockton, IL, providing information and recruitment materials to Units, and develop programs at the District and Council levels.
- 4) **Why do we ask families for money when they already have so much invested?** Adults involved in Scouting see the benefits of the program more than anyone else. You see the boys and girls grow into role models for others and you know the impact Scouting can have on the youth. Being a Friend of Scouting is a monetary way you can make a huge impact across the entire 12 County Blackhawk Area Council.
- 5) **We get that, but why should our Unit allow you into our meeting?** As mentioned in #4, the families are our biggest givers. We respect you may not want to be disturbed during your meeting, but we will take 10-15min and it is the best time for us to ask the parents to help support Scouting with a face-face presentation and explanation of how the monies are used. Every family may not donate, and that is okay, but we want to give every family a chance to make a difference in a youth's life, just as we try to provide a chance for every youth to join Scouting, regardless of financial hardships.

We hope you will consider an FOS presentation in 2018 to help continue to grow a great program in McHenry County and the greater Blackhawk Area Council. Every youth deserves a chance to experience growth in Scouting and every dollar helps.