

What is Friends of Scouting?

Friends of Scouting (FOS) is:

- An opportunity for a person to invest money into the programs that make up the Boy Scouts of America.
- An investment in the Scouts of Vermont.
- Made up of persons who believe in the values of Scouting and the positive impact it has on the lives of the youth it serves.
- Businesses that invest in Scouting through FOS because the leadership of the company sees the long term value of future employees who have a background in Scouting and understand the knowledge and leadership skills that are part of being a Scout.
- One of the largest sources of revenue for the Green Mountain Council staff and volunteers to accomplish the mission of instilling values in young people over their lifetime.

Why should I support it?

Whether you are a parent of a Scout, a leader of a unit or an alumnus of the Scouting program, the Friends of Scouting dollars impact the ability of the local Council to serve and support the local unit and the community in a variety of ways. Many of the reasons listed below don't always seem obvious to most donors but are essential in ensuring the local Council can "Deliver the Promise" to the almost 160 Packs, Troops and Crews it partners with in Vermont.

How Family Friends of Scouting helps the local Scouting unit

- Helps pay for the Green Mountain Council website
- Helps pay for the processing of advancement reports
- Helps pay for the processing of local tour plans
- Helps pay for keeping the Scout Store stocked with merchandise
- Helps pay for allowing the Service Center to have phone and internet service for leaders and parents to communicate needs and have questions answered.
- Helps pay for camperships to ensure all boys get the chance to participate in Scouting
- Helps keep the true cost of summer camp at an affordable price
- Helps pay for the process of ensuring all boys in the unit are properly registered
- Helps pay for liability insurance protecting all registered leaders and chartered organizations.
- Helps pay for all of the printed material and handouts at monthly roundtables and training events
- Helps pay for the help desk (service center staff) who provide answers and resources to parents and leaders on a daily basis
- Helps pay for the training events that make leaders better prepared to have a quality program that attracts and keeps youth in Scouting.
- Helps pay for a professional staff whose **number one job** is to help the local unit leaders succeed.
- Helps pay for the printing and distribution of the annual planning calendar and new family recruitment materials.
- Helps pay for both the short term and long term sustainability of Scouting in your community and the state.