

Families and supporters of Troop 6712,

I am so excited for everything we have planned in 2024! We provide challenge-by-choice opportunities for our Scouts to step out of their comfort zones, build confidence and character, experience new things, help others, and have fun.

As you know, Scouting doesn't just happen; there's a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to provide quality Scout experiences. Scouting happens because of the dedicated work of Scout leaders and parents, our communities, and the Bay-Lakes Council. As the council, we provide training for youth and adults, financial assistance for disadvantaged youth and families, insurance protection, the services and resources of the Appleton Center for Scouting, operation and maintenance of our beautiful Bay-Lakes Council Scout Camps, indoor activities, outdoor adventures, and more!

One of the ways to ensure the continued success of Scouting within the Bay-Lakes Council is our annual Friends of Scouting Campaign. With your support, we will continue to deliver the Scouting program and guarantee no young person is denied the opportunity to become a Scout. This campaign is vital to support Scouting right here in our own neighborhood and throughout the Ledge to Lakes District (Fond du Lac, Green Lake, and Marquette Counties).

Our Troop is kicking off our Friends of Scouting Campaign on **March 17th at 4pm at Izaak Walton** to help support our district and the Bay-Lakes Council. We are asking each family to consider making a gift or pledge. Please consider attending our brief presentation.

Our base goal is \$950.00 and our stretch goal is \$1050.00. These goals were approved by volunteer leaders in the district based on our families' actual giving last year, so we know we can get there in 2024 with participation from all our families. Together with other Scouting units, we will help raise \$12,500 in the Ledge to Lakes District and more than \$325,000 across the Bay-Lakes Council.

When we reach our base goal by May 31st, we earn a 25% discount on a building rental at one of our beautiful Scout camps. When we reach our stretch goal by May 31st, we increase that to a 60% discount on a building rental. That makes it even more affordable for our unit to get kids camping year-round. We will also receive recognition on the Friends of Scouting Honor Roll posted at our camps.

To make this as easy as possible, we are asking each of our families to share their own Scouting story with friends and family. We have our own website where people can donate to help us reach our unit incentives: Scan the QR below to be directed to our page.

We also have a Troop 6712 Text to Give code that you can share as well! Just text Troop6712 to (844) 615-4269.

Please do reach out with any questions you may have. Thank you for your participation!

Yours in Scouting,

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