

BE A FRIEND OF SCOUTING



HOW DO SCOUTS BENEFIT FROM THE FRIENDS OF SCOUTING ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN?

In the funding of the Bay-Lakes Council, Boy Scouts of America, the question frequently arises – what does this expenditure of Council budgeted money mean to our Pack, Troop, Crew, or Post?

The true cost of Scouting is like an iceberg. What you see above the water is just a fraction.

ACTIVITY FEES
SCOUT LIFE MAGAZINE
SERVICE PROJECTS
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
ONLINE RESOURCES
ADVANCEMENT
UNIFORMS
EQUIPMENT
REGISTRATION

THE PART THAT ISN'T VISIBLE SERVICES RECEIVED:

- YEAR-ROUND OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF OUR 5 COUNCIL CAMP PROPERTIES
- TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEER LEADERS
- ONLINE CAMP RESERVATION SYSTEM
- LITERATURE & RESOURCES
- MEDIA RESOURCES
- BAY-LAKES COUNCIL IS 100% LOCALLY FUNDED AND IS ITS OWN 501C3
- PROVIDING THE UNIT WITH DISTRICT AND COUNCIL ACTIVITIES
- ADMINISTRATION & CUSTOMER SERVICE
- LIABILITY INSURANCE
- STAFF SUPPORT

YOUR COMMITMENT TO HELP ENSURES THAT OUR YOUTH CAN CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE ALL THAT SCOUTING HAS TO OFFER.

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- **BAY-LAKES COUNCIL IS 100% LOCALLY FUNDED AND IS ITS OWN 501C3.**

All the funding needed to deliver our local program comes from local donations, and all support stays 100% local to support our Scouts. This also means that all registration fees and Scout Life magazine fees are sent directly to the National Organization, so our local program is funded in large part by generous support through Friends of Scouting.

- **YEAR-ROUND OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF BEAR PAW, GARDNER DAM, HIAWATHA, CAMP ROKILIO, AND JAX CAMP.**

Here are just a few projects over the past few years: new shower house and bathrooms at the Bear Paw waterfront, updated storage and classroom training facility at the Bear Paw shooting range, new Welcome Center at Camp Rokilio, New Dining Hall at Gardner Dam Adventure Base, new ecology building and area at Camp Hiawatha, new fishing equipment, new archery equipment, new climbing wall face and grips, new flooring and carpentry, COPE & Climbing repairs including new helmets and harnesses, new shelters, paving, lakefront beautification, and many structures received new roofs, among other improvements. Many of these facilities, campsites, and supplies are available for local Scout units to reserve.

- **PROVIDING THE UNIT WITH DISTRICT AND COUNCIL ACTIVITIES.**

Some of these events are: Camporees, Cub Scout Day Camp, Autumn Blast, Scouting for Food, Klondike Derby, Pinewood Derby, PI Day, Stempede and a variety of High Adventure events for older Scouts and Venturers like Ice Climbing Adventure and Whitewater Weekends.

- **MEMBERSHIP, ADVANCEMENT, & TRAINING.**

Processing and maintaining a permanent record of membership, advancements, and training for each youth and adult.

- **LITERATURE & RESOURCES.**

Maintaining a large supply of literature, trainings, fliers, forms, badges, certificates, etc.

- **MEDIA RESOURCES.**

The preparation, production, and distribution of the Bay-Lakes Council Guide, District Newsletters, and a website that assists units and leaders in providing youth with a quality program. Content for social media including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, etc., to further promote Scouting.

- **ADMINISTRATION & CUSTOMER SERVICE.**

Handling thousands of phone calls and emails from unit leaders, parents, donors, the general public and others desiring information related to the program.

- **PROVIDING LIABILITY INSURANCE.**

Liability insurance protects both unit leaders as well as the chartered partner organization. The premium on this insurance costs several thousand dollars annually.

- **PROVIDING AN ONLINE CAMP RESERVATION SYSTEM.**

This system allows our Scouting units to make reservations at our facilities, for use at both weekend camping and long-term summer camp, at Bear Paw Scout Camp, Gardner Dam Adventure Base, Camp Hiawatha, Camp Rokilio, and Jax Camp.

- **TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL VOLUNTEER LEADERS.**

Training is accomplished through scheduled training courses and monthly roundtable meetings. Training awards and other Scouter recognitions like District Award of Merit or Silver Beaver are provided at no cost.

- **STAFF SUPPORT.**

A staff of both professional and volunteer personnel to assist units that may be having difficulties to ensure the youth continue to have a great program experience.

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