



Yankee Clipper Council, BSA

Why “Friends of Scouting”?

Friends of Scouting (FOS) is one of the major fundraising campaigns throughout the Yankee Clipper Council in which individuals, businesses, organizations, and families are asked to financially support the scouting programs in our communities.

The 2008 annual budget for the Council is set at just over \$1,700,000. This \$1.7 million is an investment, a “medium of exchange”, for one purpose – to deliver a quality Scouting experience to more youth, including better programs, better facilities, and better activities, to our youth throughout the entire Yankee Clipper Council!

All of this goes to fund:

- Camping facilities / programs (during camping season and in the off-season).
- Support expenses for camporees, Klondike’s, and other activities and events.
- Materials and resources provided by the Council such as training of leaders, parents, and district volunteers. Annual program CD’s, calendars, Boy’s Life program materials, recruitment / marketing materials and other support literature as needed.
- Professional staff who work very closely with all volunteers at the Unit and District levels and work to ensure the successful delivery of the program to the Scouts.
- Camperships made available to youth who cannot afford camp fees.
- Liability insurance provided to all chartering organizations and volunteer leaders.
- Accurate record keeping for support of advancement and membership.

The funding raised is spent:

80% goes to Camping, Property Maintenance, Activities and Program

11% goes to covering the cost of Fundraising

9% goes to Management and other expense.

The Council expects about 47% of its revenues to come from “camping and activities” fees, yet plans to spend 80% of its budget expenses on camps, activities and programs, including year round property maintenance. This means that the Council must subsidize its camping facilities and programs through other funding, one means of which is “Friends of Scouting” revenues.

In 2006 the Yankee Clipper Council spent, on average, approximately \$193 per youth to provide the programs our Scouts receive annually. Also, the annual \$10 registration fee goes directly to the national council, nothing stays within the Yankee Clipper Council.