

# **Family Friends of Scouting**

## **FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING –**

1. What is it?  
An opportunity for families of Scouts to help pay part of the cost of providing Scouting in their communities.
  
2. Why do we need it?
  - \* Young men in the 1990's face difficult struggles every day. Studies show that the moral and ethical choices that our sons are making are disturbing. In the past year . . . . .
  - \* Three fourths of our teenagers have cheated on their homework or a test.
  - \* Almost half have been drunk.
  - \* And 1 out of 3 have shoplifted.
  - \* Clearly, our country needs programs that teach our young people how to make good, more, and ethical choices.

## **THE COST OF SCOUTING**

Our cost of providing Scouting in the Black warrior Council is about \$125.00 per Scout. This includes the cost of organizing new units, recruiting and training new leaders, postage, Camp Horne & Camp O'Rear, and everything involved with Scouting other than books, uniforms and your local unit costs.

## **BLACK WARRIOR COUNCIL 2000 BUDGET**

The Black Warrior Council Budget is set by our Board of Directors. Our Board consists of men and women from all across our council. They are your friends and neighbors. The budget for 2000 is \$990,190.00

## **WHAT DOES THAT BUY?**

1. For 90 years, the BSA has been fighting the evils of society.
2. The mission of the BSA is "to instill values in young people and in other ways prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime."
3. Every single day, Boy Scout volunteers battle to help our young people face their daily struggles through the words of the Scout Law and the Scout Oath. (Recite Oath and Law)
4. These words strengthen our 3 simple goals - - Character Development, Citizenship Training and Personal, Mental and Moral Fitness.

## **WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?**

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| 1. United Way    | 17% |
| 2. Popcorn sales | 12% |
| 3. Activities    | 15% |

- 4. Direct Support                      52.5% (from individuals, businesses, parents, golf tournament and sporting clays shoot)
- 5. Miscellaneous                      3.5%

**DOES IT WORK?**

- 1. To date, over 8,800 young people in the West Central Alabama area are proud to call themselves Scouts and every week they promise “TO HELP OTHERS AT ALL TIMES.”
- 2. But does Scouting have any effect? Is there any difference between Scouts and Non-Scouts?... Boys who were Scouts for five years or more . . .
- 3. Are more likely to assume a leadership role in school organizations.
- 4. Are more likely to put the needs of others before themselves.
- 5. Are more likely to make honest and not the easiest decisions.

**WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE!**

- 1. The volunteers and professionals in the BSA have worked together to help the young people of America, but we also need your Scout's family's help!
- 2. Your unit has the unique opportunity of showing you commitment to your son's Scouting program by promoting Family Friends of Scouting.
- 3. And remember over 80% of what we raise goes directly back into Scouting service.
- 4. You paid a National registration fee so your son could join Scouting...
- 5. The cost of providing Scouting to the BWC, BSA for one year for one boy is \$125
- 6. We understand that not everyone can make a pledge of \$125. However, we do ask that everyone has the opportunity to make a contribution at what ever level of support that they can.
- 7. Unit participation is one part of “Blue Ribbon” requirements.

**OUR GOAL**

100% participation from all Scouting units.