

MATCHING GIFTS

Employer sponsored matching gifts are an important consideration from our Scouting families. These matching gifts allow our Council to leverage the donations from our Scouts, Scouters and their families at no additional cost. As there is no one policy that fits all employers we suggest contacting your company's Human Resource Department to obtain the details of their employee matching gift policy. For general information, refer to the Employee Matching guideline on our web site: www.housatonicbsa.org.

The Housatonic Council, BSA is a 501(c)(3) public charity. All contributions are tax deductible as provided by law.

Employer Matching Gifts represent about 8% of pledges to our FOS Family Campaign!

LEVELS OF RECOGNITION

FOS Council Shoulder Patch:



Contributions of \$150 or more are eligible for the FOS Council Shoulder Patch (CSP). Contributions in multiples of \$150 are eligible for multiple CSPs

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Every week, **millions of Scouts** raise their hands and **make a promise.**

It's not a pledge to an organization.

It's a

lifelong commitment

to themselves, their families, and the community they share.

THE SCOUT OATH

On my honor, I will do my best

to **do my duty to God and**

my country and to

obey the Scout Law;

to **help other people** at all times;

to **keep myself physically strong,**

mentally awake, and

morally straight.

2013 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Over 900 youth participating in the Scouting program

30 Boy Scouts attained Scouting's highest rank— Eagle Scout

Balanced Council Budget

42 Scouts and Leaders attended the National Jamboree at the Summit in West Virginia



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OBEDIENT CHEERFUL THRIFTY BRAVE CLEAN REVERENT

Housatonic Council

2014 Friends of Scouting



HELPFUL

Scouts care about other people. They volunteer to help without expecting payment or reward. They fulfill their duties to their family by helping at home. Scouts can help because they have learned how to help, and they do help because they care about people.

WORDS TO LIVE BY

Trustworthy: Seventy-five percent of Scouts agree that Scouting has taught them to always be honest and to be a leader.

Loyal: Eighty-eight percent of Scouts are proud to live in the USA, and 83 percent say spending time with family is important to them.

Helpful: Eight out of 10 Scouts surveyed believe that helping others should come before their own self-interest.

Friendly: Eighty percent of Scouts say that Scouting has taught them to treat others with respect, and 78 percent to get along with others.

Courteous: Almost nine of 10 Scouts (87%) believe older people should be treated with respect.

Kind: Seventy-eight percent of Scouts say that Scouting has taught them to care for other people.

Obedient: Boys in Scouting five years or more are more likely to reject peer pressure to hang out with young delinquents.

Cheerful: Seventy-eight percent of Scouts are happy with their schools and their neighborhoods.

Thrifty: Eighty-two percent of Scouts say that saving money for the future is a priority.

Brave: Eighty percent of Scouts say that Scouting has increased their confidence, and 51 percent rate their self-confidence as excellent.

Clean: Seventy-nine percent of Scouts say that Scouting has taught them to have more respect for the environment and their physical fitness.

Reverent: 83 percent of men who were Scouts for five or more years say attending religious services as a family is very important.



WHAT A SCOUT BRINGS HOME FROM A CAMPING TRIP:

- Renewed sense of purpose
- New Leadership Skills
- A desire to be a good citizen
- Respect for parents and adults
- Honesty
- Kindness
- Obedience
- Manners and morals
- Commitment to God and country

WHAT DOES FOS PAY FOR

Supports our volunteer leaders with training
 Processing advancement and activity records
 Offsets costs for year-round camping operations
 Provides support for "Joining Nights"
 Supplements Cub Scout Day Camp equipment and utilities
 Council Service Center operations
 Supports development of Cub and Boy Scout activities



How does the Housatonic Council raise the other 92% of its support?

- Camping fees
- United Way
- Foundations & Trusts
- Special Events
- Community/Board FOS
 - Popcorn Sale
 - Activity Fees

The FOS campaign is our Council's only direct request for financial support from its participants.

Please make a pledge to help our Council to deliver a quality Scouting program

Make your pledge today for Tomorrow's Leaders

Name _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Unit# (Pack, Troop, Crew) _____

Pledge \$ _____

Payment \$ _____

Amount Due \$ _____

Employer(s) _____

Do employer(s) match gifts? Yes/ No

Position/Profession _____

Were you a Scout? _____

Highest Rank _____

Method of Payment:

CASH _____

CHECK (Payable to Housatonic Council, BSA) _____

BILL ME _____

(monthly, semi-annually, annually)

Your full support is requested by September 30, 2014.

MASTERCARD VISA

Credit Card # _____

Security (3) Digits _____ Exp. _____

Signature _____

We are not asking for a specific gift but we are asking for everyone's support

All gifts are tax deductible

THANK YOU

