

**A  
Proud  
Past**



**A  
Bright  
Future**

**“If you believe in it, you need to contribute to it”**

**David Rifkin**

Former Council Executive Board Member

**Housatonic Council**

**Boy Scouts of America**

*Providing an Outstanding Youth Program in the Valley Since 1920*



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## Statement of Purpose

It is the purpose of the Boy Scouts of America to provide for boys an effective program designed to build desirable qualities of character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop in them personal fitness, thus to help in the development of American citizens who:

Are physically, mentally and emotionally fit.

Have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced in such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness.

Have personal and stable values.

Understand the principles of and participate in, the American social, economic, and governmental systems.

Are knowledgeable about and take pride in their American heritage and understand America's role in the world.

Have a keen respect for the basic rights of all people.

Are prepared to fulfill the varied responsibilities of participating in and providing leadership to American society and the world.

The Boy Scouts accomplishes this purpose by making its program available in partnership with existing groups having compatible goals, including religious, educational, civic, fraternal, business, labor, and governmental bodies.



Class of 2007



Class of 2008

Housatonic Council Eagle Scouts

## One of the Oldest and Smallest Councils in the Country

Scouting reaches approximately one in every five youth in the Valley area served by the Housatonic Council, Boy Scouts of America, Inc., which this year is celebrating its 89<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We currently have 1,800 youth registered in our program as well as almost 600 adult volunteers.

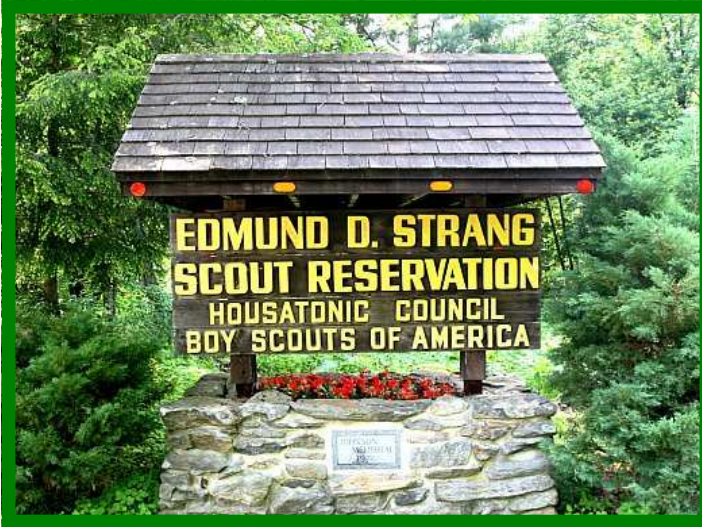
Informally organized in 1917 and incorporated in 1920, the Housatonic Council not only has the distinction of being one of the smallest councils (3<sup>rd</sup> smallest of 304 councils) but also one of the oldest. It was formed by a group of leading business and community leaders who understood the benefits that the Scouting program could provide to the youth of the Valley. Frank Gates, a well-known community minded industrialist, was a charter member of the board and served as the Council's Honorary President for over forty years. Over the past 90 years, well over 50,000 youth have benefited

from the programs of the Housatonic Council.

Frank Gates was one of two Council recipients of the prestigious Silver Antelope award, presented by the National Council Boy Scouts of America. Our second recipient was Edmund Strang who formed Cub Scout Pack 3 in 1928. Ed was legendary in his support of Scouting and the Housatonic Council. There are literally tens of thousands of kids who have come through the Scouting program in the Valley and can look back with warm memories of the impact that Ed made on their lives. In the late 1990's, the actor Brian Dennehy returned to the Valley to honor his Cubmaster, Ed Strang, at the first annual Strang Day in Derby, CT. Our Council is proud to have had as members two of the most nationally recognized supporters of Scouting.



Cub Scout Pack 3 Derby, CT (1928). The first Cub Pack in the United States.



## Edmund Strang Scout Reservation

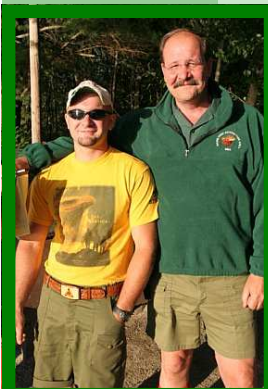
Owned and operated by the Housatonic Council, Boy Scouts of America and located in the foothills of Litchfield County, Strang Scout Reservation's 187 acres of forest, field and streams provide the backdrop to an exciting Scouting experience.

Every summer the Housatonic Council conducts one week of Webelos Camp and four weeks of Boy Scout Camp for a total of about 450 boy weeks per year. In addition to Summer Camp, we have a one week winter camping

program during the holiday break from school where Scouts can work on a number of different merit badges while taking time to skate, ski, ice fish, snow shoe and build igloos. With the camp's proximity to the Valley, it also often plays host to our Council-wide Spring and Fall Camporees. On almost any weekend that the camp is not being used for Council activities it is being used by our individual Packs, Troops and Venture Crews.

## Campaign to Fund a New Shower House at Camp Strang

Our existing shower house was built in the late 1950's with funding from the W.E. Bassett Company. It has served us well. It was built to Boy Scout standards at the time. Things have changed considerably in the past 50 years, with many more women and girls now involved in the Scouting program. We are looking to build a modern co-ed shower facility in the center of camp that will be designed for low maintenance and to be architecturally pleasing. We realize that we need to make better use of our property in the off-season and that the camp itself can serve to generate funds for maintenance.



## “BUY A BRICK” FUND RAISER FOR CAMP STRANG

The “Buy A Brick” campaign is a great way to support Camp Strang and the Council Endowment Fund at the same time. The proceeds generated from your brick purchase will be evenly distributed between funding a current camp improvement project ( we are currently raising funds for a new shower house) and the Camp Maintenance Fund within the overall Council Endowment Fund.



Several types and sizes of bricks are available which may be engraved with your name, the name of someone that you would like to pay tribute to, Pack, Troop, Crew or just about any text that you would like memorialized at camp.

Different types of bricks available

Your bricks will be a long term display at Camp Strang of your personal commitment to the Housatonic Council, the Camp, and the Boy Scout program as well as to all the volunteers who have worked to build and maintain our camp.

Please refer to our website at [www.housatonicbsa.org](http://www.housatonicbsa.org) for more details on the brick program and for an order form.

### LEARNING FOR LIFE

Learning for Life (LFL) is a subsidiary of the Boy Scouts of America that helps prepare young people to make informed career choices. The Learning for Life Program is an educational program directed toward youth in grades K-12 and serves girls and boys. The Learning for Life program is an excellent complement to the Career Guidance Programs in all schools. The Housatonic Council currently conducts Learning for Life programs at Shelton Intermediate School for the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Class with over 400 students and the Derby High School 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Class for approximately 125 students.



Learning for Life provides training and support through a nationwide network of over 300 local offices. Learning for Life offers programs designed to support schools and community-based organizations in their efforts to prepare youth to successfully handle the complexities of contemporary society and to enhance their self-confidence, motivation and self-esteem. The programs focus on character development and career education. It prepares youth to make ethical decisions that will help them achieve their full potential.

The aims of Learning for Life are to: encourage a desire for life-long learning; foster the acquisition and application of personal/social skills; prepare tomorrow’s workforce through exposure of career management skills; and develop engaged citizens. Color, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic background, economic status or citizenship is not criteria for participation.

## Friends of Scouting Campaign



The Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign was created nationwide to help raise money for Council budgets.

Our Council serves over 1,800 youth members in Ansonia, Derby, Oxford, Seymour and Shelton.

We lead the nation with the highest percentage of Scouts advancing in rank.

Our Council is about the size of a district in other councils. Leaders and youth members from the entire Council meet and participate in Council events and training, forming bonds, friendships & camaraderie.

The FOS campaign is our single largest revenue source. We have a goal to raise over \$100,000 this year. This number represents almost 1/3 of the money that needs to be raised to fund our program. The core of the campaign is the Family Phase which is money contributed by parents of youth who are currently in Scouting. We have a \$40,000 goal for the family phase. The balance of the goal will be met by the Executive Board, Community and Alumni phases.

## The Good Scout Award

The “Good Scout” Award is presented to those who exemplify in their daily lives the ideals of the Boy Scouts of America as expressed in the Scout Oath and Law. The recipients are chosen for their outstanding community service as evidenced by the interest and leadership given to many worthwhile organizations as well as the respect and esteem in which they are held by their colleagues. The community has honored our “Good Scout” recipients, by contributing to the Housatonic Council Boy Scouts of America and this has turned into a significant revenue source for the Council. Past recipients of the Valley “Good Scout” Award have included:



Walter R. Archer Jr.  
James E. Cohen  
Helen & Gerald Bogen  
David M. Rifkin  
Mayor Mark Lauretti  
James Ryan  
John F. Anglace  
Richard O. Belden  
Robert D. Scinto

Dean. C. Borgman  
Norman Santa  
Patrick Charmel  
Royal Wells  
The Jones Family  
Fletcher Thompson, Inc.

**The Mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.**

*Scout Law*

**A Scout is:  
Trustworthy  
Loyal  
Helpful  
Friendly  
Courteous  
Kind  
Obedient  
Cheerful  
Thrifty  
Brave  
Clean  
and  
Reverent**



*Scout Motto*

**Be Prepared**

*Scout Slogan*

**Do a Good Turn Daily**

**Through organized, age appropriate activities, Scouting provides skill development opportunities that youth might not otherwise find at home, school or through other extra-curricular programs, including leadership, team building and conflict resolution.**





Studies show that Scouts are more likely than non-Scouts to:

- Assume a leadership role in clubs and organizations.
- Put the needs of others before themselves.
- Make the most honest, not the easiest decisions.
- Value education and the environment

Harris Interactive Study



#### 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.**



Studies show that men who were Scouts for five or more years are more likely than men with no Scouting experience to:

- Graduate from high school (98% vs. 83%)
- Graduate from College (40% vs. 16%)
- Earn annual incomes of \$50,000+ (33% vs. 17%)

Harris Interactive Study



## **The Housatonic Council Endowment Fund.**

For 90 years, the Housatonic Council has offered a valuable program to the youth of the Lower Naugatuck Valley. During the Council's early years, the Valley thrived with many locally-based manufacturers who were generous in their support of the Council. In recent years, corporate mergers have eliminated the locally-based banks and many manufacturers have migrated to the South or in many cases, overseas. These changes have greatly changed the landscape in terms of attaining the revenue required to support our program. We are still very fortunate to receive strong support from the Valley United Way but it is increasingly difficult to raise the funds needed to support all of our Scouting programs. We realize that we must take action now to insure that we will have the resources available to deliver a strong Scouting program in the Valley, remain an independent Council, and maintain our camp in Goshen which has benefitted tens of thousands of youth from the Valley.

In 1993, the Council established an Endowment Fund with the hope that one day the Fund would be large enough that the interest generated would support a significant part of our annual budget. At the close of 2008, we had a little over \$300,000 in the Fund. That's a long way from the three to four million dollars that we feel that we need but at the same point, it's a major accomplishment and a beginning towards self reliance. Donations to the Fund can be targeted to one of four different funds:

### **The General Fund**

About 83% of our Endowment money resides in the General Fund. It is an unrestricted Fund whose purpose is to help fund the Council at large. Norman Santa, past president of the Council, was instrumental in the establishment of this Fund and continues to be a strong supporter of the Fund and of the Housatonic Council as a whole.

### **The Campership Fund**

Roughly 9% of the overall Fund is comprised of the Campership Fund. This Fund was established to make sure that regardless of their financial means, any Scout from the Valley who wanted to attend Camp Strang would be able to do so. The Council and camp also benefit from another Campership Fund which was set up by the family of Oscar Johnson and managed by The Community Foundation For Greater New Haven. Oscar was a past president of the Council in the mid-1950's and was a key driver in the establishment of our camp. In recent years these two Funds have enabled us to meet our goal. As this brochure goes to print, we have been notified that the family of Herbert Rollinson, a past president of the Council and a strong supporter of the camp in Goshen throughout his life, has also established a Campership Fund with the Valley Community Foundation to benefit the Scouts of the Housatonic Council.

### **The Edmund D. Strang Eagle Scholarship Fund**

The Strang Eagle Scholarship Fund makes up roughly 6.5% of the overall Fund. Only about 3% of the boys who enter the program receive the award of Eagle Scout. The award represents the accumulation of hard work in the areas of skill development, leadership, citizenship and help to others. This Fund was established with generous contributions from Christy Testone, 1948 Eagle Scout, Housatonic Council, Post 33. Each year, scholarships are presented to two new Eagle recipients who are going on to higher education. The scholarship determinations are made on a wide variety of criteria.

### **The Camp Strang Maintenance and Program Material Fund**

This is our newest Fund, established in 2007 and currently makes up about 1.5% of our total Fund. The goal of the Fund is to generate perpetual funds to maintain our camp and provide program materials at camp. This Fund is a beneficiary of the "Buy-a-Brick" campaign. Fifty percent of all of the brick revenue is placed in this Fund, the balance going towards the construction of a new shower house at Camp Strang.

## The James E. West Fellowship Program

James E. West was the first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, and he served in that position for more than three decades. The West Fellowship Award is available for gifts of \$1000 and up in cash or marketable securities to the Council Endowment Fund. The gift must be in addition to – and not replace or diminish – the donor’s annual Friends of Scouting support. Many individuals and corporations make these gifts either on behalf of someone else – such as in honor of an Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver recipient, a retirement, a special accomplishment, or anniversary – or in memory of a special individual.

## James E. West Members of the Housatonic Council

Edmund D. Strang	1994	John F. Anglace	1999	James R. Singletary	2005
Norman K. Santa	1994	Carol Pendagast	1999	David B. Singletary	2005
Karl R. Bengtson	1995	David Pendagast	1999	Rodney Erickson	2005
Herbert Rollinson	1995	C.J. Testone	1999	T. A. A. Ray	2006
Barbara Brooks	1995	Maria Kashuba	1999	Robert Hilker	2006
John P. Barrett	1996	Michael Badela	1999	Herb Chasse	2006
Edward J. Purcell Jr.	1996	Mark A. Lauretti	1999	Ralph L. Norris	2006
John Dorso	1996	James Cohen	1999	Dorothy J. Norris	2006
Robert W. Rapp Sr.	1996	William Prutting	1999	Adriano J. Monaco	2007
Larry Smith	1996	John Carr	1999	Christopher M. Tiano	2007
Joe Majoros	1996	Karen Lord	2000	Robert D. Scinto	2007
Henry M. Decho	1997	Donald Monckton	2000	Terry Stonaha	2007
Walter R. Archer Jr.	1997	Randy Ritter	2000	Robert Stonaha	2007
Werner Allweier	1997	Joseph Testone	2000	Michael J. Kennington	2007
Helen B. Bogen	1998	James E. Ryan	2000	Thomas J. Kennington	2007
Jo-Anna Holden	1998	Emil Martin Jr.	2000	Antoinette Archer	2007
Kevin Moyher	1998	Nancy Prutting	2000	Milton Heyse	2007
Ronald F. Barisano	1998	James Connery Sr.	2001	Marilyn Saccu	2007
Donald Pendagast	1998	Patrick Charmel	2001	Peter Saccu	2007
Richard Dormer	1998	Jack Watson	2001	Richard Marano	2008
Robert W. Dickgiesser	1998	Michael Prutting	2001	William Prutting Sr.	2008
Nancy L. Dickgiesser	1998	Richard O. Belden	2002	Pat and Rudy Gajdosik	2009
S. D. Broder	1998	Michael Smarz	2002	Karlynn and Ron Stankye	2009
James S. Connery, Jr.	1998	Mathew Prutting	2002	Bertram Leadbetter	2009
Denise Carlson	1998	John Dorso	2003	Olive Lord	2009
Caroline Strang	1998	Anthony Pepe	2004	Donald Lord	2009
Dorothy Pendagast	1999	Robert Skoronski	2004		
Daniel J. Moriewicz	1999	Frank Skoronski	2004		
Troy Adcox	1999	Christopher Calkins	2004		
Walter Petz	1999	Elizabeth B. Causey	2004		
Rodman T. Kneen Sr.	1999	John Yanzo	2005		
Charles A. Rotteck, Jr.	1999	Phillip L. Warner	2005		

**The Heritage Society** was established to recognize donors to the Council’s Endowment Fund who have made a contribution (either direct or deferred) of \$5000 or more.

Troy Adcox  
Walter R. Archer, Jr.  
Benjamin Bacon  
Ronald F. Barisano  
John Barrett  
Harry Bassett  
James Cohen  
James S. Connery, Jr.

Robert W. Dickgiesser  
Richard Dormer  
Kevin Moyher  
Robert Norris  
Carol & David Pendagast  
Dorothy & Donald Pendagast  
Edward J. Purcell, Jr.  
John M. Rak

David M. Rifkin  
Norman K. Santa  
Michael E. Smarz  
Ronald T. Stankye  
Edmund D. Strang  
C. J. Testone  
Marilyn Saccu

# The Housatonic Council Endowment Fund.

There are many ways to make an Endowment Gift

**Outright:** Gifts of cash, stock, art, land, real estate or other tangible items have always represented the most fundamental and important source of support for Scouting. It is the easiest and most popular form of gift, and offers a tax deduction equal to the full value of the gift. The net cost of the gift decreases for donors in higher tax brackets.

**Life Estate Gifts:** Some people anticipate a gift to Scouting of a home, vacation home, or farm sometime in the future, but may not want to give up the use of their property yet. It's possible to do both with a *life estate gift*. It's simply a contract arrangement where you give Scouting the rights to your property after your lifetime, but you keep the right to use and enjoy it for the rest of your life or the life of another. If the property is income producing (e.g., from rent, crops, timber, etc.) you're also entitled to keep any income it produces during your lifetime.

**Life Insurance:** If a donor no longer needs his/her Life Insurance Policy, he or she can transfer ownership to the Housatonic Council, BSA and may receive a tax benefit for the transfer. If he or she continues to make annual premiums, they may deduct the premium payments as well.

**Charitable Gift Annuity:** A gift annuity involves a simple contract between a donor and Scouting. In exchange for a gift, Scouting agrees to pay quarterly income to the donor or others chosen by the donor. This income is paid for life, to one of two individuals, and guaranteed by the general assets of the Boy Scouts of America. The donor also receives an income tax charitable deduction.

**Pooled Income Fund:** The BSA's Pooled Income Fund is often described as a "charitable mutual fund". It represents the gifts of many donors to Scouting that are managed and invested as a group. It is possible to join the BSA Pooled Fund with an initial gift of only \$5,000 in cash, stocks or bonds. As with other charitable gifts, the donor receives an immediate income tax deduction for the gift and avoids owing any capital gains tax on appreciated securities given to the pooled fund.

Income is paid for one of two lifetimes to anyone chosen by the donor (as long as they are at least 40 years of age at the time of the gift).

**Charitable Remainder Trusts:** The most popular and flexible of all the ways to make a gift to Scouting is the charitable remainder trust. Your gift is placed in a trust. The trust sells and reinvests the assets, and makes regular income payments to you and/or other named beneficiaries. Payments may last either for a specific number of years or for one or two lifetimes. Trusts may be funded with cash, stocks, bonds, land and even other assets.

**Wills and Bequests:** The charitable bequest is the most familiar and widely used way to benefit Scouting at some future time. It is how many donors choose to establish a legacy after their lifetime, but in a way that remains revocable at any time during their life.

*To learn more about ways in which you can contribute to the Housatonic Council Endowment Fund, please call or write the Council Office at 326 Derby Avenue, Derby, CT 06418.*

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## You Can Help Support Scouting in the Housatonic Council

1. **The Friends of Scouting Campaign (FOS).** There is no minimum amount required to donate to FOS. We count on this campaign to provide greater than \$100,000 of funding per year. This campaign enjoys the broadest support in terms of the number of donors with almost one thousand contributions each year.

2. **The “Good Scout” Award.** Each year, money is raised to recognize and honor someone from the Valley who has demonstrated outstanding community service. This event is held annually during the Spring and constitutes a gathering of the Valley’s business and community leaders.

3. **The Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA).** The NAA Program was set up as an incentive for businesses to support local non-profit organizations. We have approval to raise funds through this program in the city of Shelton. Businesses in Shelton (excluding type S corporations, LLC’s, LLP’s and LP’s) who owe taxes to the state of CT may make contributions to the Housatonic Council, BSA and receive a 60% tax credit. We think that this is a great win-win program. We are looking for both businesses that would like to take part in the program and individuals to help publicize this program within the business community.

4. **Sponsorships.** This is another great win-win means of generating funds for the Council. We have a wide variety of sponsorship opportunities from sponsoring large Council events to sponsoring areas and programs at Camp Strang this summer. We have a quarterly newsletter which is distributed to over one thousand households in the Valley and we also distribute a “Scouting for Food” kit to every household in the Valley each Fall. The potential for various sponsorships is almost limitless. Please contact the Council Office for more details.

## Sustained Funding of the Council Through the Endowment Fund

It is critical that we develop sustainable funding sources for the Council. Over the next ten years, we will work diligently to grow our \$300,000 fund to \$4 million dollars. There are four individual funds that can be specified when making a donation (General, Camperships, Eagle Scholarships and Camp Maintenance). Donations can be made in the form of cash, real-estate or stocks, or can be made as a deferred give such as a bequest in a will, gift annuity, pooled income fund, etc. Donors making a contribution of \$1000 or more will be recognized with the James E. West certificate. We now have over ninety James West’s. These donors names are displayed prominently in our Council office and in everyone of our newsletters. Donors contributing \$5,000 or more in cash or a deferred gift will be recognized with the Heritage certificate. We now have over twenty Heritage recipients whose names are also displayed in the office and our newsletter. Please contact the Council office for more information involving our Endowment program

“The only things we keep permanently are the things we give away.”

Waite Phillips (1883-1964)  
Oil Businessman & Founder of  
Philmont Scout Ranch, New Mexico

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**The Housatonic Council BSA is a Member of the Valley United Way.** You can give to the Valley United Way knowing that you are helping to preserve Scouting in the Valley. If you work outside the Valley, you can give to any United Way campaign and designate the Housatonic Council BSA as the recipient. We are grateful for the strong support that we have received from the Valley United Way over the years.

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank xxxxxx of xxxxx for publishing and printing this brochure at no charge to the Housatonic Council