

*Scouts learn the best part of success is the journey.*



**Education:**

Many Scouts achieve more by the age of 18 than some people do in a lifetime. Best of all, they do it not only to improve themselves, but also their community and country.

**Service:**

There are so many paths one can follow in life. Invaluable guidance of adult leaders is a key ingredient to prepare a Scout for their lifelong journey toward success.



**Adventure:**

It's a great big world. You had better pack your map. Scouting is a great introduction to the outdoors, and a lesson on your place in this world. Let the adventure begin!



*Your Gift Makes An Impact!*

The success of Scouting depends on those who support it. That includes the work of adult volunteers, the encouragement of parents and the financial assistance of Friends of Scouting. With your generous gift, we can help reach more youth and impact lives. Every donation helps!

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2019  
Friends of Scouting™  
Campaign



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*Scouting Programs*



**LIONS**

A fun introduction to the Scouting program for kindergarten-age boys and girls. This program introduces youth and their families to Scouting and the outdoors as it builds a foundation of character. Lions have adventures with their adult partners and other Lions every month.



**TIGERS**

First grade boys and girls participate with an adult on this early step up the Scouting Trail. Emphasis is on family skills, service to others, and feelings of self-worth.



**CUB SCOUTS**

Second through fifth grade boys and girls expand their horizons through programs that foster social skills, family relationships, and adventures.



**SCOUTS BSA**

Scouts BSA is a year-round program for boys and girls in sixth grade through high school that provides fun, adventure, learning, challenges, and responsibility to help them become the best version of themselves.



**VENTURERS**

For boys and girls ages 14-20 years old. High adventure activities and advanced leadership training are hallmarks of this program.



**EXPLORING**

For boys and girls ages 14-20 years old. Career awareness programs and development of vocational interest help guide Explorers into future careers.

*Scouting Alumni Makeup:*

- 89% of the original astronaut corps were Scouts. Every astronaut who walked on the moon (save one) is an Eagle Scout
- 89% of Senior Class Presidents
- 85% of Student Class Presidents
- 85% of FBI Agents
- 72% of Rhodes Scholars
- 70% of US Naval Academy Graduates
- 68% of US Military Academy Graduates
- 63% of Air Force Academy Graduates

*Values for Life*

*The Promise*



*Every week millions of Scouts raise their hand and make a promise. It's more than just a pledge to an organization. It represents a lifelong commitment to them and the community they share.*



*Every day, Scouts and their families participate in learning and fun activities centered on character development, citizenship, leadership training, community service, skills training, and personal fitness.*



*The values ingrained by the Scout Oath and Law will follow them down the Scouting Trail and help them grow into productive adults. These values are what Scouting in the Transatlantic Council are all about.*





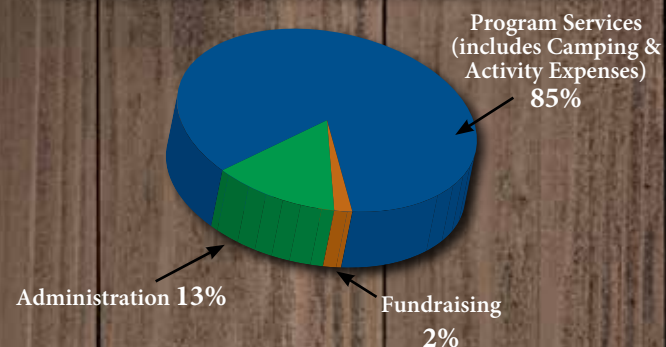
## YOUR GIFT MAKES AN IMPACT!

The Friends of Scouting campaign is the local fundraising campaign that every council in the Boy Scouts of America runs to help fund its own annual operating budget. The national BSA registration fees you pay annually goes directly to BSA National headquarters. No money comes to us from BSA National. Like all councils, we must be self-sustaining. Unless the Transatlantic Council (TAC) is self-sufficient, there is no TAC. All monies raised here from our Friends of Scouting campaign stays here to be used on our Scouts.

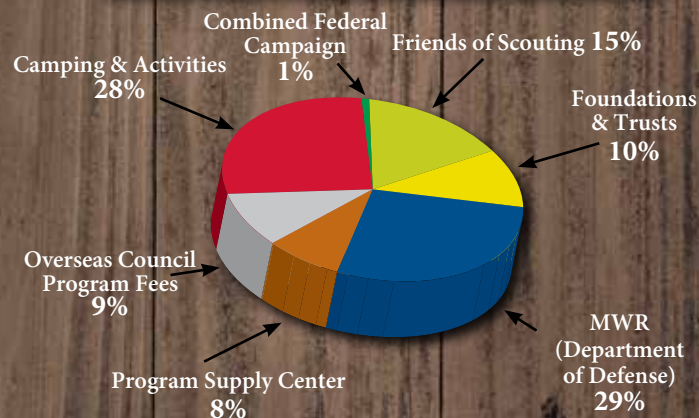
### What Should I Give

Scouting is a cost-effective youth development program that allows the entire family to participate. To support each Scout, the Council spends on average around \$250 more per year than it receives at registration. Every donation helps.

#### How We Invest In Our Young People



#### How We Are Funded



## 2018 Council Highlights

- ◆ The Transatlantic Council serves over 6,800 youth in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia. We have programs and Lone Scouts in more than 60 countries across three continents and 14 time zones
- ◆ 3,420 youth earned a rank advancement in 2018.
- ◆ Nearly 6,000 merit badges and over 1,522 advancements were earned by Boy Scouts. Cub Scouts earned 1,898 rank advancements.
- ◆ 119 scouts earned the rank of Eagle Scout and 167 Cub Scouts earned the Arrow of Light.
- ◆ The Transatlantic Council welcomed over 150 girls into the Cub Scouting program this fall.
- ◆ Over 650 Boy Scouts and Venturers attended a summer camp experience, either at Camp Alpine in Switzerland, Camp Volcano in Italy, or a summer camp in the United States.
- ◆ 600 Cub Scouts attended a Cub Scout Day Camp or Family Camp in 2018.
- ◆ The Transatlantic Council has been named by the French government as Custodians of Omaha Beach.
- ◆ We have the best Eagle Scout to membership ratio of any council in the world.
- ◆ Scouts of the Transatlantic Council serve as American Ambassadors to local youth throughout our territory.

### Investing in the Transatlantic Council

The Transatlantic Council (TAC) delivers a top-quality Scouting program with unique geographic opportunities to open the outdoors, teach skills, enable service, develop leaders and citizens, and instills the values of the Scout Oath and Law to youth in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia.

To continue offering this to our youth, we need your help. The Transatlantic Council receives a modest Overseas Council Program Fee from each registration, but that only covers a small part of its costs. Funding from the US Department of Defense for TAC's budget has fallen from 70% to 29%. Meanwhile TAC has expanded beyond Europe to include the Middle East, Central Asia, and all of Africa, putting great strains on the council and its very small staff. To support each Scout, TAC spends on average \$250 more per year than it receives at registration. To guarantee TAC's future, every family that benefits from Scouting's outstanding programs needs to play its part and make an investment in Scouting.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION ITEMS FOR DONORS

### \$1,000 or above: TAC Guardian Jacket



### \$500 or above: A complete 2019 Normandy Camporee Patch set



### \$250 or above: Unique TAC Neckerchief



### \$125 or above: Carabiner Mug and an FOS Participant patch



### \$50 or above: FOS Participant patch



## MAKE A PLEDGE TODAY FOR TOMORROW'S LEADERS

**ABOUT YOU:** (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I want to Support the Scouting movement in the Transatlantic Council (TAC).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Pack# \_\_\_\_\_ Troop# \_\_\_\_\_ Crew# \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to pay directly online at [www.tac-bsa.org/donate/](http://www.tac-bsa.org/donate/)

#### MEMBERSHIP LEVEL/RECOGNITION ITEM:

**\$2,500 or above:** Honored Guest at a dinner dance at the Normandy Camporee

**\$250 or above:** Unique TAC Neckerchief

**\$1,000 or above:** TAC Guardian Jacket

**\$125 or above:** TAC Carabiner Mug and an FOS Participant Patch

**\$500 or above:** A complete 2019 Normandy Camporee Patch Set

**\$50:** FOS participant patch  
 **Other Amount** \_\_\_\_\_

I decline any recognition items. Please use my whole gift for Scouting.

#### PLEASE BILL MY PLEDGE: (Check one)

Once \_\_\_\_\_  Monthly \_\_\_\_\_  Quarterly \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge Recurring Annually:

Start: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

#### I PREFER TO PAY NOW: (Check one)

Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Check # \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to pay online at [www.tac-bsa.org/donate/](http://www.tac-bsa.org/donate/)

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

All gifts to the Transatlantic Council are tax deductible in the USA.

**THANK YOU!**

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