



Friends of Scouting 2019

(Date)

Unit # _____

Dear (Unit ____) Parents,

Every year, our (Unit ____) participates in the annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign. During our (Troop Court of Honor/ Pack Blue and Gold Banquet) on (Date ____), we will have a short 10-minute presentation outlining the Friends of Scouting program. After the presentation, each of us will have an opportunity to show our support with a donation to Friends of Scouting. The (Unit ____) Leaders believe that this Campaign is important to Scouting, our Scouts, and the community. **Please come prepared to make a commitment on (Date ____).** Let us explain why.

As Scout Leaders, we are very grateful for the many services and support of the Mount Baker Council. **Our unit is Awesome**, but without the support of the Council, our unit would not exist. Some of the benefits and services made possible through your Friends of Scouting investment are:

- **Fire Mountain Scout Camp** – located near the foothills of the Cascade Mountains in the forests of scenic Walker Valley. This is where (unit__) attended (Summer Camp/Day Camp) last year. Ask your Scouts about the great experience they had at camp.
- Two council service centers, which provide program literature, uniforms, Scouting supplies and other resources. **This is where we get all of our (Troop/Pack) awards.**
- Training! **Every Scout deserves a trained leader!** By having trained leaders, we are providing the program the way Baden Powell wanted Scouting to be delivered.
- Webelos-Ree and Camporee events! Our district supports these programs.

Everyone has different financial resources, thus each financial commitment will be different. Each of us should consider our resources and the value that Scouting provides to our families and community. Also, please consider what best fits within the household budget (\$25, \$50, or \$200, etc.). After careful consideration, please contribute the amount that supports the value of Scouting while remaining within your own resources. In other words, we do not expect everyone to make the same financial commitment, but all of us can make a commitment.

Please come prepared to make a commitment. Short of cash? Yes, you can pledge on a monthly basis if you wish and the Council Service Center will bill you.

You can also be a sustaining donor giving a little each month to make a big difference!

Pledge Cards will be available that night. Our goal is to have **100% participation** with all of the families' pledge cards returned on (Date ____). We know that Scouting has made a difference for our families.

Yours in Scouting,

(Troop/Pack) Committee Chair

(Scoutmaster/Cubmaster)

FOS Chair