

## Scouting in Action



Wallwood Boy Scout Reservation  
Our Outdoor Laboratory



Eagle Scout Recognition Banquet  
Our finished Product



Cub Scout Pinewood Derby  
Learning life skills, while having FUN!



# Friends of Scouting Campaign 2018

***“Prepared for Life”***

**The Suwannee River Area Council  
proudly serves the youth of**

*Seminole, Decatur, Grady, Thomas,  
Colquitt, Jefferson, Madison, Taylor,  
Wakulla, Franklin, Leon, Gadsden,  
and Liberty Counties.*

## OUR MISSION

**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.**

### 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.

### The Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful,  
friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful,  
thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.



## 2017 ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Suwannee River Area Council served 1,937 Traditional Scouting youth members (901 Cub Scouts, 739 Boy Scouts, 226 Venturers, and 71 Explorers) during 2017.
- 960 adult volunteers served as role models for our youth members.
- 577 youth participated in camping activities and programs at Wallwood Boy Scout Reservation.
- 141 Cub Scouts attended our local day camp.
- 204 Boy Scouts attended week long Summer Camp sessions at Camp Wallwood.
- 286 Cub Scouts and their family members participated in Cub Family Weekends.
- 69 young men earned the rank of Eagle Scout and completed 8,262 service hours.
- 34.6% of top adult leaders have been completely trained for their position.
- Scouter performed 12,469 hours of community service.
- Every week hundreds of Scouts in the Suwannee River Area Council raise their hands and make a promise: “On my honor...”

## SCOUTING FACTS

### For Every 100 Boys Who Join Scouting:

- **One** will use Scouting skills to save the life of another
- **Twelve** will have their first contact with a church
- **Five** will become Eagle Scouts
- **Two** will use their skills to save their own life
- **Eight** will enter a career learned through a merit badge
- **Two** will enter the clergy or religious vocation
- **Eighteen** will develop a hobby to last a lifetime
- **Twenty-one** will become adult Scouting volunteers

## HOW DOES YOUR GIFT SUPPORT SCOUTING

### REVENUE



### EXPENSES



## THE ICEBERG ANALOGY - THE TRUE COST OF SCOUTING

WHAT YOU SEE ABOVE THE WATER IS ONLY ABOUT 20% OF WHAT SCOUTING PROVIDES TO OUR MEMBERS.

BOOKS, UNIFORMS, BOY'S LIFE, EQUIPMENT, REGISTRATION FEES, ACTIVITY FEES, MEETING SITE COSTS, ETC.

### BUT THERE IS A WHOLE LOT MORE BELOW THE WATERLINE

#### Volunteer and Staff Training

Training for more than 1,000 volunteer leaders.

#### Insurance coverage

To protect volunteers, chartered organizations, staff members, Executive Board, and property.

#### Camp Ranger

Year-round maintenance at camp so it is ready to be used by Scouts and families on weekends.

#### Recognition

For leaders who complete training, volunteers for special projects and help in many Scouting roles.

#### Professional Staff

Work with volunteers to organize new units, manage fundraising programs, conduct training, assist with new member recruiting, provide counsel and direct support for District, Camp and programs development.

#### Council Website

[www.suwanneeriver.net](http://www.suwanneeriver.net)

#### Reference Publications and Resources

Everything from Program Planning and Join Scout Night materials to Scout Shop supplies.

#### Support Staff

For registration of new members, registration of events and activities, publications, answering the phone to address program related questions, and financial accounting services.

#### Camp Promotion

For Cub Scout Day Camps, Boy Scout Summer Camp, Cub Family Weekend, Tiger Prowl, NYLT, Woodbadge, Winter Camp, Venturing Super Weekend, Training, 3rd Saturday Shooting Sports Days and OA Fellowships.

#### Wallwood Boy Scout Reservation

Tents, cabins, Dining Hall and Kitchen, Camp vehicles, Building repairs, canoes and other program equipment repair and replacement, Tractor for road maintenance, Lawn mowers, Pool maintenance and other supplies.

#### Administrative Needs

Postage, computers, links to National BSA system, copy machines, Risograph, and Audio-Visual equipment.

#### Council Service Center

Utilities, Insurance, Mortgage, repairs, Phone system, Scout Shop, Lawn maintenance.

THE MAJORITY OF THE COSTS OF THE SCOUTING PROGRAM ARE HIDDEN BENEATH THE SURFACE, JUST LIKE AN ICEBERG. THE 80% THAT IS NOT VISIBLE IS WHAT KEEPS THE REST AFLOAT. HELP KEEP SCOUTING AFLOAT!

## 2018 PLEDGE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am a Eagle Scout.

☐ My employer makes matching gifts.

☐ I am interested in planned giving.

District \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One: Pack Troop Crew Ship

### Levels of Giving: (check one)

☐ \$200 Scout

☐ \$600 Patron (support 3)

☐ \$1,000 Golden Eagle Society

☐ I wish to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Convenient Pledge Option

Send a billing of \_\_\_\_\_ # of payment beginning in:

(circle one)

January February March April May June  
(please know pledge must be completed by December 1)

### I prefer to Pay Now: (check one)

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

I hereby authorize Suwannee River Area Council to charge my:

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Amex ☐ Discover

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

(please know credit card #s are processed for 1 time payments only - # is not retained for multiple payments.)

### Please make checks payable to:

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