

## Boy Scouts of America – Over 100 Years Strong

The Boy Scouts of America has offered the best youth development program in the country since its founding in 1910. Scouting programs have instilled the values found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law in millions of youth. Today, these values are just as relevant in helping youth grow to their full potential as they were over 100 years ago.



Scouting helps youth develop citizenship, self-confidence, ethics, and leadership skills that influence their adult lives. While other activities teach basic skills and promote teamwork, Scouting goes beyond that and encourages youth to develop the devotion to serve others in their community.



Scouting provides youth with a sense that they are important as individuals. Young people learn that those in the Scouting family care about what happens to them, regardless of whether a game is won or lost. Perhaps most importantly, Scouting promotes activities that lead to personal responsibility and high self-esteem. As a result, when hard decisions have to be made, Scouts are prepared to resist peer pressure and make the right choices.

## The Iroquois Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America



The Iroquois Trail Council and its predecessors have been entrusted to deliver the programs of the Boy Scouts of America since 1916. We partner with over 100 community organizations in our 5 rural counties to provide programs and train young adult leaders. Our programs annually serve nearly 3,000 young men and women ages 6 to 20. A progressive program of Scouting adventures helps Scouts to grow in confidence, courage, and integrity; gain self-esteem through achievements and skills; and develop lifetime values that help them make ethical choices.

Your local Iroquois Trail Council has been consistently recognized by the Boy Scouts of America with the Journey to Excellence Award for successful program delivery, fiscal stewardship, and a high percentage of youth served through quality Scouting programs. Nearly 1 in every 4 age-eligible local youth is a Scout.

The Scouting movement in the Iroquois Trail Council is strong thanks to the support of more than 1,000 dedicated volunteers who give unselfishly of their time, talents, and resources on behalf of our youth. They help to bring meaningful and long-lasting character programs to life to improve the lives of our Scouts, their families, and their communities.



## Prepared. For Life.

Scouting has changed in many ways since its founding in 1910. But one thing has not changed – the values as expressed in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Over the past 104 years, the Boy Scouts of America has instilled in American youth the value of leadership, responsibility, patriotism, morals, and service to others.



## Good Choices as a Way of Life

In today's world, growing into adulthood means more than just growing up – it means learning to make good decisions. Scouting programs strengthen character and develop good citizenship, traits that prepare young people to make the best decisions for today and prepare them to for their roles as our future community leaders.

Trust, loyalty, and honor--these are the stock in trade of today's most influential leaders. We know that many of our local leaders in business, education, government, and the community were once and still are members of the Boy Scouts of America. Trust, loyalty, and honor are not just words in Scouting--they are a way of life.



## Stabilizing Council Resources

Roughly 70% of the Iroquois Trail Council's annual operating budget of \$750,000 is provided directly from the support of Scouting families and friends, including annual gifts, special events, camping and activity fees, and popcorn sales.



The Council owns our camps and our Lockport Service Center free and clear of all debt, but our ready cash is only sufficient to sustain the council for three months. Likewise, the council's Capital Fund has only enough resources to fund basic maintenance at our facilities. The council needs a reliable source of investment income from a permanent fund in addition to increased annual support to achieve long-term sustainability.



## Making a Local Investment in the Youth of the Iroquois Trail Council

Your investment will not only improve the lives of thousands of local youth, but will also light the torch for others to see and do likewise. Your will help to preserve the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law for local boys and families at a time when young people struggle in search of a moral direction.

## Your Support Will Help Us to Leave a Local Scouting Legacy

### ***Endowment Fund Challenge***

Please consider a philanthropic investment to help increase the Endowment Fund of the Iroquois Trail Council from \$750,000 to \$1.5 million over the next 5 years.

Gifts to the Permanent Endowment Fund are invested with an anticipated 8 percent return, which will generate \$50,000 annually in annual investment income to fund operating and capital expenses. This will ensure that Iroquois Trail Council continues as an independent BSA council and that local Scouting programs continue to thrive.

### ***Capital Fund Gifts***

Gifts to our Capital Fund will directly support construction and other projects at our camps, and will help to fund the relocation of the Council's Batavia Service Center from its current leased space to a permanent, Council-owned facility. There are several ways to direct your gift to the area that is of greatest interest to you:

- Service Center Building and Maintenance Fund
- Camp Projects Fund
- Named Giving Opportunities exist for both the camps and the Council Service Centers in Batavia and Lockport. A list of these opportunities is available for your review.

### ***Annual Operating Fund Gifts***

Perpetual or long-term, multiyear gifts to the Council's annual operating fund offer a welcome means to put your gift to use to fund the immediate and ongoing operational needs of Scouting. Your gift could help to endow a staff position, underwrite the annual costs of recruitment, volunteer and staff training, or in myriad other ways.

## **Ways to Give**

### **By Check:**

Direct gifts by cash or check can be directed to the Council's Batavia Service Center or directly deposited electronically into the Council's bank account. Please contact us for details.

### **Gifts of Stock:**

Gifts of appreciated securities may increase the value of your gift and decrease the cost to you. You can take a charitable income tax deduction for the fair market value of the stock gift.

### **Planned Giving:**

Planned gifts and bequests are a significant way to support Scouting's future endeavors. Please consider leaving a legacy by remembering the Iroquois Trail Council in your estate plans. We would be honored to be considered and happy to assist you in your planning.

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