

What is F.O.S?

Friends of Scouting is F.O.S.

The Central Florida Council serves over 26,000 youth members in Orange, Seminole, Osceola, Brevard, Volusia, Lake and Flagler Counties. A budget of \$5.9 million is needed to provide the facilities, support materials, programs, activities and professional leadership for our community.

The annual FOS Campaign focuses on raising a significant portion of this budget through families who participate in Scouting. Funds are raised by coordinated presentations made by volunteers to families of Scouts at a special unit event such as a Blue & Gold Banquet or Court of Honor.

How Does Your Gift Support Scouting?

In many ways, big and small, you and your unit receive service and support through your district and council.

Trained Leaders = Strong Programs

• Your gift allows for the training of all registered leaders at little or no expense. This includes Youth Protection Training, which helps keep all Scouts in a safe environment.

Support for Your Leaders

• Your gift helps provide accident insurance for all registered Scouts and liability insurance for all registered leaders.

• The council provides a staff of support team members and professional Scouters to support and assist volunteers and families.

Service, Support and Results

• The bottom line? Your gift helps make Scouting happen throughout Central Florida. Your unit is part of the team that makes up your district and your council.

Your gift helps make service events happen, including Scouting for Food – Central Florida’s largest one-day food drive.

Scouting’s Outdoor Adventure

• Your gift helps make all outdoor events happen and offsets their costs. This includes Boy Scout camporees and jamborees, Cub Scout day camps, pinewood derbies and high-adventure trips to places such as Philmont Scout

Ranch, Florida Sea Base or Minnesota’s Northern Tier.

• **Your gift helps maintain top-notch, year-round camping facilities** here in Central Florida. They include the Leonard and Marjorie Williams Family Scout Reservation, which contains Camp La-No-Che, Camp Rybolt, Scout Ranch, Camp Pooh Bear and Adventure Camp, as well as Camp Mitchell and Roper Island. That includes all camp repairs, maintenance, utilities, taxes and insurance.

• **Your gift allows us to award scholarships to families in need**, so their Scouts can attend Cub Scout day camp or Boy Scout summer camp. These scholarships are called camperships.

Council Expenses

80% Camping, Activities, Unit Service, and Program Support

19% Operating Costs

1% National Charter Fee

THANK YOU FOR THE FOS



Membership



We continue to show growth in our district. Currently we have 54 units. As of December, we have 1,558 scouts. Our year end goal is 1,561. **We are VERY close to meeting our year end goal.**

Every Pack, Troop, Crew and Post should recruit youth to either their unit or another unit every month so we can continue to share the experience of scouting in our district. Let's keep growing our membership!!!

Congratulations on our membership success!

The below picture is Michael J. of Pack 725 delivering popcorn. His door to door sales is what made him such a success.



Fundraising

We ended our Popcorn Campaign with a huge success. **We sold \$54,777 in popcorn and were the first district to have all monies paid by the deadline December 6th.**

Pack 340 and 725 lead the way in popcorn sales with Pack 725 conquering 1st place. Michael J from Pack 725 was the districts #1 seller and #4 in the council.

Our goal was to sell \$60k and we were short by \$5,223; however, we increased our sales from last year by \$1,900. This was a HUGE success!

Congratulations to our Popcorn Kernel Tracy Barbee for leading a great campaign!

Upcoming District and Council Events

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| January 8 th | Camp Cards Kick Off
Chair: Trudy Gibson 386-801-8467 |
| January 25 th | University of Scouting @ East River H.S. in Orlando |
| January 31 st -
February 2 nd | Webelos Woods
Chair: Bridget Bartz 386-848-5909 |
| April 4 th -
April 6 th | Spring Camporee
Chair: Alan Fisher 386-846-3862 |
| December – April | Friends of Scouting Presentations at Blue and Gold and Court of Honor Banquets |

We Need Volunteer to Assist the District

The District needs YOU! Do you like planning events? Are you interested in finance/fundraising? Do you want to add to programming in our district?

Come and Join the District Committee

We need:

- Friends of Scouting Presenters – speak at Blue/Gold & COH
- Unit Commissioners – visits Packs, Troops, Posts & Crews
- Program Committee Members – plan Day Camp/Camporees

Contact District Executive at 321.299.7631 or email at taneka.mallory@cflscouting.org

Volunteers and Parents are welcome to join.



District Success

Scouts dropped off bags in their communities on November 2nd and collected donated goods door to door on November 9th. Our district collected over 30,000 lbs of food which was more than last year's amount. The Neighborhood Center in DeLand and Pine Ridge Fellowship Food Pantry in Deltona were the recipients of this great community service project.

Thank you to all the units for participating and giving back to the community. A special thanks to DonnaLee and Chris Doyle for their great leadership.

A special THANK YOU to all the units that participated in the Veteran's Day and Christmas Parades!!!

Great Job Tuscarora Family!!!

Scouting for Food



Unit Spotlight

Troop 590 and Troop 312

By KATHLEEN RASCHE Correspondent Published in News Journal: Thursday, October 24, 2013

It's a scary way to raise money. Boy Scouts from troops 590 in Lake Helen and 312 in Deltona are following a 20-year troop tradition of scaring people on a haunted trail as a way to pay for next year's summer camp. The scouts work for weeks planning the nine-minute walking trail through the woods in Lake Colby Park. They build sets, design props, string creepy, blinking lights and look forward to scaring anyone who dares enter.



"We do it every year. It's always different and we build it ourselves," said Carter Kolehmainen, a Troop 590 member. "I've actually scared people out in the parking lot," laughed Dave Edwards. Parent Diane Hedengren said roughly 20 youths put in 296 volunteer hours planning and building the haunted trail. "They constructed it from the ground up. If they ask the adults to help, we'll help, but not unless they ask us to," said Hedengren.

From the experience of building and operating the haunted fundraiser, "(The scouts) learn a sense of accomplishment. From building it, to scaring, to tearing it down, they learn a lot of teamwork," said Hedengren.

On Friday, the troops opened the gate to let people in. Some scouts guided customers through the trail. Others lay waiting in the woods to jump out or quietly follow their guests. Sean Hedengren couldn't wait for customers to see his favorite section. "Chucky's Playground, it's the freakiest," said Hedengren, smiling. They also hope to encourage more families to get involved in Boy Scouts. The haunted trail was open at dusk on Oct. 25, 26, 30, 31 and Nov. 1, at 269 E. Kicklighter Road, Lake Helen. Admission was \$5 per person.

Great Job Troops 590 and 312!

Scout Spotlight

Carter Kolehmainen



Carter Kolehmainen represented Central Florida Council as part of the Jamboree Troop and was elected by scouts from across four counties to be the Quartermaster. On July 22, 2013, at the National Jamboree in West Virginia, youth Ethan M. was accidentally cut in his right hand by a pocket knife. It was later learned an artery had been cut. As Ethan yelled for help after the incident, several Scouts, including Carter, responded to him. Carter immediately took control of the situation and applied direct pressure to the wound. When he realized the blood continued to gush out, he acquired another Scout's t-shirt to wrap the cut and to leverage more pressure against the flowing blood. Carter got the attention of leaders from the campsite next to his, who helped them to the sub-camp medical center

After several surgeries, it was determined Ethan M had cut an artery and a tendon in his right hand. Ethan was in a cast for over 5 weeks, and has gone through 3 months of physical therapy (still in progress) to allow him full use of his hand Due to the amount of blood loss, both in the campsite and during the walk to the sub-camp medical center, had Carter not taken efforts to stop the bleeding, the result could have been tragic. Even with other experienced Scouts present, Carter was the first to jump into action to save his friend. **Job well done Carter!**

Who to Call

Tuscarora District geographic description: DeLand, Deltona, Orange City, DeLeon Springs, Lake Helen, Pierson & Osteen

District Chairman Sam Eckhardt 386.490.3039 bti@biztaxpros.com

Sam guides and motivates the volunteer District Committee to ensure that quality programs are offered to all scouts within Tuscarora District; new leaders receive the training they need to be successful leaders, new scouting units are begun where needed, new youth are added to existing units, and that Tuscarora District meets its finance goals during the year.

District Commissioner Diane Hedengren 386.747.0616 hedengren@yahoo.com

Diane is responsible for mentoring a staff of volunteer Unit Commissioners, Assistant District Commissioners and Roundtable Commissioners as they provide, support, and serve as resources for all unit leaders in Tuscarora District through personal unit visitations and the supplemental training offered during the monthly Roundtable program.

Training Chair Steve Terry 386.473.3997 Steve16752001@yahoo.com

Steve guides his staff of volunteer trainers as they provide quality training programs throughout the year to support volunteer leaders as they learn their new roles in their Units.

Program Chair David Hedengren 386.532.2960 Hedengrend@dbpd.us

David guides the District's volunteer Program Committee to provide FUN activities, training, camping, and community service opportunities for all scouts in Tuscarora District.

District Executive Taneka Mallory 321.299.7631 Taneka.Mallory@cflscouting.org

Taneka is our local scouting professional who works with the District's volunteers to support the needs of the volunteers as we provide quality programs for our youth.

Training

As a new leader, it is important that you attend a training as soon as possible. In addition to the training, there are several experienced Scouting leaders in our district who are willing and able to help you along the Scouting trail.

W.O.L.T. and I.O.L.S. Fri-Sun 14-16 Mar 2014 7:00pm – 3:00pm (Fri. Registration) 461 West Highbanks, DeBary, FL. 32713

If you have any questions, please contact the training team leader for your course: (Chairperson) Steve Terry steve16752001@yahoo.com 386-473-3396
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