June 10, 2020

Dear Scout Families & Friends of Scouting,

Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is still an exciting time of year for our Scouts, but now, more than ever, we need your help to make this summer a Scouting success!

Looking back in the past, it seems that every generation suffers through a season of challenge and despair. Some more than others. Since 1917 when Camp Miakonda was founded, the resolve and resilience of the citizens of the United States has been tested by World War I, the Spanish flu (1918-1919 pandemic), The Great Depression, World War II, Korean, Vietnam & Persian Gulf wars, as well as, the 9/11 attacks, and other financial crises.

For those that have endured these hardships, looking back informs us that sacrifices, ingenuity, and perseverance allowed our institutions and traditions to survive previous storms. A walk around Camp Miakonda shows that Scouts from across our region adapted during those times, including through the Great Depression when the WPA program helped put men to work building the Council Lodge, Lake Sawyer, Parade Field, and the legendary footbridge entering camp.

As we would expect, our Scouts provide service and leadership during these trying times. With the most recent pandemic hitting us unexpectedly, the Erie Shores Council and the units it serves, have adapted to the quarantine by meeting virtually, creating new opportunities such as the 6-week “#Scoutingathome419 Challenge,” online merit badges, virtual hike, virtual camp-in trip, and numerous service projects.

While these temporary virtual activities sponsored by the Council are helping us continue to generate excitement, they fall far short of our revenue goals. In fact, temporary loss of traditional activities sponsored by the Council is estimated to result in a $507,000 deficit in 2020. We understand the financial and emotional stress this pandemic has placed on our families. We also appreciate how much our Scouts miss the traditional activities of Scouting and look forward to safely returning soon. For the families that are able, we request your financial support to help weather this storm and allow future generations to enjoy all that Scouting offers.

Please see attached “Keep the Campfires Burning” flyer and pledge card, with information about how to keep our camps ready for future Scouts. Our goal of $155,000 recognizes 103 years of Camp Miakonda and 52 years of Camp Frontier (that’s 155 combined years of summer camp!) Please join us on Tuesday, June 23rd with your pledge of support. If you are personally unable to commit financially at this time, would you consider sharing with a friend, neighbor, or co-worker who might be willing to show their support of our Scouts?

Thanks for all you do to lift up and encourage our Scouts, both current and future!

Yours in Scouting,

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KEEP THE CAMPFIRES BURNING
JOIN US IN A DAY OF GIVING AND #FUELOCALCAMPFIRE

We invite you to join with us in a spirit of giving and generosity, to support our beloved local Scouts, Camp Mikaonda and Camp Frontier during the COVID-19 pandemic. Your support will allow us to weather this storm and help future generations enjoy all that Scouting offers.

Tuesday, June 23rd, 2020
Goal: $155,000

Together our goal recognizes 103 years of Camp Mikaonda and 52 years of Camp Frontier camping seasons. That’s 155 combined years of summer camp!

As a thank you for your investment, we are offering a commemorative patch and coin at the following levels:

- $30.00 Support A Day at Camp: Bronze Border Council Shoulder Patch
- $75.00 Support A Weekend Campout: Silver Border Council Shoulder Patch
- $150.00 Support A Week of Camp Mikaonda Day Camp: Gold Border Council Shoulder Patch
- $250.00 Support A Week of Camp Frontier Summer Camp: Platinum Border Council Shoulder Patch and Commemorative Coin


Or simply complete and return the bottom portion of this form with your payment choice to the address listed below.

Yes, I’d like to support “Keep The Campfires Burning” with a donation to Erie Shores Council!

Name: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________
City, State, Zip: ________________________________
Phone: __________________ Email: __________________
Unit Type and #: __________________ District: __________________

Payment Attached:
Cash _____ Check _____ Credit Card _____
Card #: / / / Expires: / / CVV: _____
Pay Online: www.ErieShoresCouncil.org/DayofGiving

Please return to: Erie Shores Council, PO Box 8728, Toledo, OH 43623

Please Bill Me:
□ Once Immediately
□ Monthly through December
□ Quarterly
□ Other: Invoiced ______ times / year
□ Recurring Gift: ______ times / month

Thanks but I do not wish to receive recognition items

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