**FRIENDS OF SCOUTING**

- Each youth in Scouting requires support in the form of camps, events, activities, and training for adult leaders. These costs amount to $175/youth for the council as a whole.

- Parents, friends and community supporters should be given the opportunity to support their youth in Scouting through a *Friends of Scouting* donation.

- The Council will provide a recognition patch for each FOS donation of $175 or more.

- FOS payments can be paid through credit card, direct debit, check, cash or unit account. If an individual or unit elects direct credit card or direct debit, monthly and quarterly payment options are available.

- Tax Credit gifts, Popcorn, and Camp Cards are separate from and do not count towards FOS.

**COUNCIL INSURANCE FEE**

- Charged in the Fall when re-charter packet received. Due with re-charter packet on December 1. There is a $1 fee/registered youth for each month late.

- All youth are charged a fee the rate of $63 per youth. The $40 unit re-charter fee still applies and is in addition to the Insurance Fee. Adults do not pay the insurance fee. Any new youth joining a unit after re-charter would pay the $63 insurance fee pro-rated at $5.25/month. Transfers within council pay no additional council fee. Example: Feb. would be $10.50. (The national fee of $33 still applies and with insurance would equal $8/month)

- Scholarships available, on a case by case basis.

- **INSURANCE FEE WAIVER.** The Insurance Fee will be waived by the council if the following conditions are met:
  - The unit has approved credit (indicated in re-charter packet) and the unit signs the FOS commitment form that it (1) will raise a minimum of $50/registered youth with a goal based on year end membership. Unit goals will be set by the council. A unit will either completely pay by April 1 or on automatic credit card or bank account deductions through October 1.

- **INSURANCE FEE CREDIT.** A unit that paid the Insurance Fee for a year that conducts an FOS campaign during that same year (e.g., paid Insurance Fee on December 1 and then conducts FOS the following January-March) will receive a dollar-for-dollar credit against its Insurance Fee for the following year for FOS received by October 1.

**DISTRICT CALENDAR**

- **September – December 2018**  
  - 2019 FOS Campaign planning and recruitment
  - Finance Chair, FOS Chair, Presentation Team

- **January – April 2019**  
  - 2019 FOS Campaign

- **January – April 2019**  
  - Unit Visits-Campaign presentations

- **May – July 2019**  
  - 2019 FOS Campaign wrap up