

Investment In Character

What does Scouting do for our youth? It instills values and morals, teaches citizenship, promotes physical fitness, and teaches life skills; all to be summed up in one word: CHARACTER. Scouting develops the very character of our participants and on an annual basis the Sagamore Council leans on our families, friends, and communities to invest in Scouting by making a contribution to our Investment in Character Campaign. Teams of volunteers work diligently in each of the communities that we serve to raise money so that we can continue to deliver a top notch Scouting program to our youth and make it affordable for our families. A different team of volunteers make a presentation at a unit meeting of each of our units to ask the families to make an investment in Scouting. Your district executive or assigned volunteer will be contacting your unit (Pack, Troop, or Crew) to set up a time to come in and make a short 5 minute presentation. This is the only time we ask our families for outright financial investments in Scouting. Registration dues paid to be a member of the BSA do not stay at the local Council. Yes, popcorn sales benefit both the Council and the Unit but those dollars are in return for a product. The Sagamore Council spends about \$150 per Scout, per year (approximately 5,000 Scouts) to provide the services needed to have Scouting in North Central Indiana by way of two magnificent camping facilities (Cary Camp and Camp Buffalo), two stores to purchase needed Scouting materials, uniforms, and more, Accident and Sickness Insurance for all of our registered members, liability insurance for our leaders and chartering organizations, professional support both in the communities that we serve and at our headquarters in Kokomo, training for our leaders, and many other services and benefits. When a rep calls your unit to set up a time to do a presentation, please cooperate so that we can continue to provide a high level of quality with our Scouting program and when the presentation happens, give generously.