

FOS Script

Thank you for allowing me to speak to you tonight. I have asked a couple of your scouts to pass out these Friends of Scouting brochures. (hold up FOS Brochure) Friends of Scouting is our opportunity to financially support the Scouting program that our children enjoy. The brochure shows information on both funding and program impact.

There are many scouting stories but most of us share at least one. Most of us are here tonight because our child brought home a flier that told us a little bit about scouting and where to take our child to join. (Hold up recruitment Flier) In many cases our children had someone come into the school and talk them about all the cool things that they could do in scouting. Our Children then came home excited and convinced us to take them to join scouting. We all took the time to get our child involved.

I am here to speak to you tonight because I believe in what the Scouting Program does for children. I am a contributor to Friends of Scouting because of what Scouting has done for my family. I would like to share one of my Scouting stories. (Tell personal story about an event or series of events that is meaning full to you.)

The scouting program has been a big part of my family and I cannot properly express the profound impact it has had on our lives. Unfortunately, there are children and families who are not here tonight that may never get the life changing experiences that Scouting provides. I am here tonight to ask you to support the Scouting Program for two reasons. The first reason is because of the benefit that your family and your child is getting from the scouting program. The second reason to help ensure that the efforts that brought your family into the scouting family can continue and improve to adapt to the needs of today's families.

In the Friends of Scouting brochure, you will find information on income and expenses of the council. To give you some perspective on what all the percentages mean the Ohio River Valley Council has an annual operating budget that is just under a million dollars. There is also some information on what has been accomplished last year. I was personally surprised by the number of community service hours. I was also unaware of the cost to maintain and operate the properties that the council owns for the benefit of our children.

On the Back of your FOS brochure you will find a pledge card. There are many levels of support to choose. Please Join me in making an annual contribution. You can choose to make a onetime gift or if it is easier you can break your gift up over the course of the year. If you wish to use a credit card you can be assured that your information is kept in a secure location. Any contribution you can make will be appreciated I will be in the back of the room to collect pledge cards. (Point to the location) I would like to thank you for allowing me to speak to you tonight and for whatever financial support you are able to provide.