Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

We are trying to wrap up our Friends of Scouting campaign for pack/troop \_\_\_\_ and noticed that we have not heard from you. We are hoping that you will consider making a pledge or donation at this time.

As you may know our annual pack/troop registration dues does not provide any funding for our local council, the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council (MDSC), and it heavily depends on donations to provide an effective scouting program. It costs our council, $2.8 million to provide programs to over 10,000 scouts in the East and North Bay area; a program which is geared to help build character, fitness, and citizenship. The Mt. Diablo Silverado Council has made camping, including Cub Scout Day Camps, Webeloree, and Scout Camps affordable and accessible to all our youth by keeping the cost to a minimum. These low camping and program fees are made possible by the contributions from supporters like you and other fundraising events such as popcorn.

The Mt. Diablo Silverado Council also supports all of our local units every year with leader training, scout camps, administrative services, professional staffing, insurance, and outstanding facilities such as Camp Herms, Camp Wolfeboro, and the Pleasant Hill Scout Service Center and Scout Shop. This in turn enables our 5000 adult volunteers to focus more on providing a quality Scouting program to our youth.

The suggested donation this year is $250 per family and need to average $100 per family across the entire Council. We are hoping that 100% of our families will consider donating at some amount to our FOS campaign. If you choose not to give at this time, all we ask is that you write “$0” on the FOS form and return it. Your tax deductible donations are confidential and can be paid in single payments or in installments by sending a check or credit card. It may also be done online give at <https://www.mdscbsa.org/donate/> and scroll down to the Meridian District and then our unit. Your Friends of Scouting donations may be eligible for Employer Matching.

BSA scouting programs for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers have benefitted greatly from the generosity of individuals and families that love Scouting and what it does for our children. Scouting teaches skills and forms memories that last a lifetime. Thank you for considering a donation to Friends of Scouting.

Yours in Scouting,

[*your FOS coordinator*]

P.S. For more information on Friends of Scouting, please visit:

**Video** (<https://youtu.be/l-DCAxyhHoo>); **General info** (<https://www.mdscbsa.org/giving-2/>)