**Sample Letter to Scouting Families**

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***(DATE two weeks before FOS presentation)***

Dear Families of ***(your unit)***

We hope you and your family will be able to join us at our ***(Troop Court of Honor, Blue and Gold Banquet)*** scheduled on ***(Date, Time, and Location)***. We are very proud of all of the boys’ achievements and extremely appreciative of all the parental involvement.

During the meeting ***(Name of Presenter, his/her Scouting position)*** will discuss the annual Friends of Scouting campaign which helps underwrite the cost of Scouting for all involved. As your church may “pass the plate” every Sunday, Scouting families are invited to “pass the plate” once a year to invite all who benefit from Scouting an opportunity to contribute financially. This campaign also finances program for boys who need Scouting but cannot afford to join. We thought it would be beneficial to send out this letter in advance for your information.

The Catalina Council serves over 5,000 volunteers who develop and enrich the lives of more than 6,7000 youth, ages 6 through 20, throughout Southern Arizona. The council provides numerous benefits to all of our youth and adult volunteers. Some of these benefits include:

**• Amazing summer camp with rich traditions and top of the line programs and activities**

**• Professional guidance and support that mobilizes volunteers & recruits new families to Scouting**

**• Supplemental accident insurance & primary liability insurance for all registered members**

Friends of Scouting provides these benefits and many more to our youth, as well as numerous at-risk youth in challenging circumstances. Our goal this year is ***($\_\_\_\_\_)*** with at least 75% of our families pledging a gift for the 2018 campaign.

We invite each family to consider making a gift of $175, to underwrite the cost of one Scout in the program for one year. 100% of all Friends of Scouting donations stays local. Compared to most activities like hockey, basketball and even piano lessons, Scouting is a great investment and a tremendous bargain.

At this activity you will receive a pledge brochure, which we will ask you to turn in before end of the meeting. Employer matching gifts will be credited towards our unit’s contributions as well. Information about your employer’s matching gifts program can easily be looked up on the council website, grandcanyonbsa.org/matching.

Please remember that ***any gift*** will be greatly appreciated regardless of the amount. Learn more about the Grand Canyon Council and ways you can help at grandcanyonbsa.org/donate.

Thank you!

***Pack/Troop/Crew Committee***