

2021 FAMILY F.O.S., 2021 Camp Card & 2020 FALL ANNUAL POPCORN SALE

The primary financial support to operate our seven-county council comes from self-generated sources (over 93%) such as the *Annual Friends of Scouting* (FOS) *Community* & *Family Campaigns*, special events/activities, *annual popcorn sale*, *annual camp card sale*, and other council revenue sources. These funds provide critical program support services for our units, 2,575 adult volunteers, year-round operation of the Price- Sanders Scout Reservation—Camp Miles, Camp Flying Eagle, council service center and many other vital support services that enables Scouting to operate in our community. Yes, it costs parents to be in Scouting, *but above and beyond this expense*, it costs the SWFL Council around \$285 per Scout, which adds up to a lot when you think of the thousands of youth in Scouting across the Southwest Florida region. Supporting the Annual Family FOS, Popcorn & Camp Card Sale effort enables the mission of Scouting to be delivered through quality programs and camp facilities to all Scouting families. **Without this support, Scouting would cost significantly more for all participants.**

2021 FREE CLOTH ADVANCEMENT RECOGNITION

QUALIFICATIONS

- 1. Achieve the unit goal using the "Best Methods" plan by April 30, 2021.

 (Goal based on approval by District Family Chairman & District Executive; District Family FOS Committee will communicate with unit committee chairman; District Executive will verify if "Best Methods" plan is used)
- 2. Conduct a unit presentation using the "Best Methods" plan that insures as many parents and leaders as possible are in attendance. "Best Methods" presentation is verified on audit form by Chr./DE). This should ideally be at a Blue & Gold Banquet, Court of Honor or other gathering where all parents are in attending.
- 3. Schedule your presentation by December 31, 2020.
- 4. Complete your presentation and <u>achieve</u> your unit goal <u>by</u> April 30, 2021.(Recognition period begins when goal is achieved & runs from May 1- May 1 annually- Any unpaid FOS pledge from previous year will not count towards achievement of current year unit goal until paid)

2021 "HONOR" UNIT FREE UNIT COUNCIL CAMPING RECOGNITION

QUALIFICATIONS

- 1. A unit must participate in the 2020 Annual Popcorn Sale, 2021 Camp Card Sale and conduct a 2021 Family Friends of Scouting program using the "Best Methods" plan for each. (District Executive & Chairmen verify if "Best Methods" plan is used) "Best methods for popcorn and camp card is having an <u>organized</u> kick-off effort and having 50% of your active youth selling.
- 2. Recognition: Unit is not charged an individual per Scout/parent/leader camp usage camping fee of \$5 (Non-Honor Unit) per person per day for individual unit week-end camping at Camp Flying Eagle or Camp Miles. Note: Most all other BSA councils charge units camp usage fees \$3-5 per person/per day plus equipment- program area usage fees (pool, canoes/kayaks etc.) even with selling popcorn-camp cards so this is significant recognition and savings for all SWFL Council units. (Recognition period begins when goal is achieved & runs from May 1- May 1- Popcorn 2020-Camp Card 2021-FOS 2021). (Units must also have no outstanding past due balances owed)

2020 COVID-19 Waiver: Units that did not complete a 2020 FOS presentation due to COVID postponement, provided they achieved the goal in 2019, will receive free cloth & camping until December 31, 2020. If a "Best Methods" FOS presentation date is set by December 31, 2020 the waiver will be extended to the 2021 presentation date. All other units must achieve criteria as stated above for the recognitions to be effective May 1, 2021.