

# Del-Mar-Va Donor

A Newsletter for those who support the growth of Scouting!

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## Construction Begins at Akridge Scout Reservation

Thanks to a grant provided by Kent County, construction on the long-awaited comfort station at Akridge Scout Reservation has started!

The new comfort station is the first project in a plan to increase safety for Scouts on Del-Mar-Va Council properties and attract new members. It will have eight individual restroom and bathing stalls.

Each stall will include a shower, restroom and toilet.



These single person stalls will increase privacy and safety as growing programs increase family participation.

Construction of the comfort station is expected to be complete by the end of February. As soon as it is done, the facility will be ready for use!



## Personality Profile: Harrison Smith Eagle Scout Troop 50

Harrison Smith attained the rank of Eagle Scout, in July 2022, and added a bronze palm shortly afterward. While he could have earned additional palms before turning eighteen, Harry chose to forego additional recognition by remaining very involved with Troop 50 and the Order of the Arrow. He is focusing on helping younger Scouts realize their potential and their dreams of becoming Eagle Scouts. He is a very humble individual with a high sense of responsibility.

Harry has been a "Straight A" student since the 6th grade and is currently a freshman at the University of Delaware. As a result



of his high grade point average, outstanding character, and service, Harrison was inducted into the Junior National Honor Society in middle school and the National Honor Society during High School.

Harry has continued to serve his Troop and Nentego Lodge in a variety of leadership roles including serving as the Iron Hill Chapter Order of the Arrow Secretary. He has remained very active with the Iron Hill Chapter, attending most meetings, participating in roadside cleanups, regularly serving as an Elangomat on OA weekends, and even filling in as the Acting Chapter Chief at last Fall's OA weekend. Troop 50 recognized Harrison as the 2022 recipient of the Michael W. Bernhardt Award for outstanding service to his Troop and community. Congratulations Harry on all of your accomplishments.

## Special Events Support Scouting in Del-Mar-Va

Each Fall, our special event committees select and honor a local community member in order to raise funds to help grow Scouting. Their communities come together for a fun evening of recognition and fellowship.

- On September 18th, Pete and Carol Schwartzkopf were honored as the Sussex Distinguished Citizens at The Starboard in Dewey Beach, DE.



- On September 25th, Richard & Beverly Tilghman were honored in Easton, MD at the Midshore Distinguished Citizen Award reception. This event raised over \$94,000 in a record setting year!

- 2024's Sporting Clays Tournament hosted approximately 125 shooters and raised more than \$77,000 for Scouting in Del-Mar-Va!

- On October 1st, friends, family and local supporters came together to honor Ben duPont at a lovely reception held in Wilmington at the Oberod Estate.



- Tonda and Joe Parks were honored on November 12th as the Kent County Distinguished Citizens. The event was held at Harrington Raceway & Casino.

## Upcoming Event

John Stern is to be recognized as the 2024 Lower Shore Distinguished Citizen on December 2nd. More information can be found at [www.delmarvacouncil.org/lowershore](http://www.delmarvacouncil.org/lowershore)



# DONOR OPPORTUNITIES

## Did you Know about the Delaware Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA)?

The Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Program encourages businesses and individuals who have a Delaware state tax liability to invest in programs serving impoverished neighborhoods or serving low- and moderate-income families. Your contributions to Del-Mar-Va Council could qualify in 2025! In exchange for a qualified contribution, the NAA program provides state tax credits equal to 50% of the investment. Each year a maximum of \$1,000,000 in tax credits is available statewide. The maximum tax credit available to any taxpayer is \$50,000 annually and \$100,000 over a three-year period. Example: A \$100,000 contribution qualifies for \$50,000 in Delaware Tax Credits.

### Eligibility Requirements

- The NAA Tax Credit is available to any individual or business paying income tax in Delaware and whose contribution is made to an approved NAA non-profit organization.
- Contributor must meet the minimum contribution amounts
  - o Business: \$10,000 - Individuals: \$2,500
  - o Maximum contribution cannot exceed \$100,000 per tax year. (\$50,000 maximum credit).

The maximum amount of contributions by any taxpayer in a 3-year period is \$200,000. (\$100,000 in NAA tax credits over a 3-year period).

Priority for application from Del-Mar-Va Council will be given to applicants in 2025 who have increased their gift over 2024. Applications are simple and will be due on or before February 10, 2025. Visit

[www.delmarvacouncil.org/DENeighborhood](http://www.delmarvacouncil.org/DENeighborhood) or email [development@dmvc.org](mailto:development@dmvc.org) for details.

## Donating Appreciated Non-Cash Assets Can Save You Tax Dollars

Appreciated non-cash assets—such as publicly traded securities, real estate, or private business interests—held more than one year provide a unique opportunity to leverage your most valuable investments to achieve maximum impact with your charitable giving.

If you itemize deductions on your tax return instead of taking the standard deduction, donating these assets can unlock additional funds for charity in two ways. First, you potentially eliminate the capital gains tax you would incur if you sold the assets yourself and donated the proceeds, which may increase the amount available for charity by up to 20%. Second, you may claim a fair market value charitable deduction for the tax year in which the gift is made and may choose to pass on that savings in the form of more giving!

### Consider an Appreciated Real-Estate Donation to Support the Growth of Scouting

If you contribute highly appreciated real estate to Del-Mar-Va Council, you may potentially eliminate capital gains tax on the appreciation and be entitled to a fair market value tax deduction for the donation. A qualified appraisal is generally required to substantiate the fair market value.

It can make sense to donate real estate that meets the following criteria:

- The property has been held for more than a year and has appreciated significantly.
- The property is marketable and relatively easy and cost-effective to liquidate.
- The property is debt-free.
- You, as the owner, are willing to irrevocably transfer the property to the charity, which will negotiate the sale price and control the sale.



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The Boy Scouts of America has been shaping the lives of our youth since 1910. Scouting exists because of the volunteer and financial support provided by the community. The best way to support the Boy Scouts of America financially is by making a contribution directly to the Del-Mar-Va Council.

By giving to your local BSA council, you are directly supporting Scouting programs where you live — programs that clean up your parks, gather food for the area needy, and even help your community prepare for disaster.

The Del-Mar-Va Council is funded by a variety of sources, including: direct contributions, events, annual popcorn sale, foundation grants, the United Way, and program/activity/camping fees. With your support, the Del-Mar-Va Council can bring the nation's highest quality Scouting programs to many more youth throughout the peninsula.



# Friends of Scouting 2024 Update

Thanks to the support of donors like you, Del-Mar-Va Council has so far raised over \$432,000 during our Friends of Scouting 2024 campaign. This brings us to 92% of our \$471,000 goal! Your continued support ensures the council can provide as many resources as possible for our Scouts!

## Matching Gift Opportunities

Many local employers match their dedicated employee's financial contributions to Scouting. You may be able to double your support for the growth of Scouting. Follow the green Click Here button on our webpage to see if your company has a matching gift program at [www.delmarvacouncil.org/matchinggifts](http://www.delmarvacouncil.org/matchinggifts)

GOAL: \$471,100



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