### **Boy Scouts of America**

### Chicago Area Council

### **River Trails District**

Volunteer and Sponsorship Opportunities

For over 100 years, Scouting has given parents an opportunity to provide their children with a safe, structured, nurturing environment.

The River Trails District serves over 700 Chicago Area families with nearly 200 volunteers.

#### **Communities Served:**

Archer Heights, Back of the Yards, Bridgeport, Brighton Park, Cicero, McKinley Park, Little Village, Pilsen, Heart of Chicago, Little Italy, and Chinatown.

Boys today are at risk.

### They are:

- More likely than girls to drop out of school,
- Less likely to enter or graduate from college,
- More likely to have low self-esteem, and
- More likely to be diagnosed with learning disabilities.

One organization works to give boys a brighter future.

# The Scouting community gathers all through the year to participate in Council, District, and Unit Events including

- Pinewood Derbies
- Klondike Derbies
- Bike and Hikes
- Haunted Trails
- Fishing Derbies
- Camp-O-Rees
- Skate-O-Rees
- Day Camp
- Scout Olympics and Parades

The Scouting Community also reaches out to the local community through annual food drives, flag bearers at community events, and flag retirements.

Local Scouting Units hold Pancake Breakfasts to help raise funds for their Scouts to pay for books, supplies, and materials.

The River Trails District responsibility is to reach out to as many at risk boys in our area. There still are some neighborhood areas that are not yet supported with a local unit. Some units go dormant due to lack of volunteers through attrition.

In an effort to reach out to more youth, new units and reactivated dormant units are needed to include more families and those new units need <u>volunteers</u> to help make that unit succeed and prosper.

### Volunteer

There are many opportunities to help and participate in the River Trails District Scouting Community!

**Unit Level** 

**District Level** 

### **Unit Level Opportunities!**

- Enroll your boy as a Scout and join him on his journey
- Volunteer as a Unit Leader
- Volunteer on the Unit Committee
- Volunteer as Charter Representative

### **District Level Opportunities!**

- Volunteer as a Round table Commissioner
- Volunteer as a Unit Commissioner
- Volunteer as a Assistant District
- Volunteer as a District Commissioner

### **District Level Opportunities!**

#### **Volunteer on the District Committee**

- Advancement Commissioner
- Camping Commissioner
- Finance Commissioner
- Program Commissioner
- Membership Commissioner
- Training Commissioner

### **Volunteer Training!**

Training is available year-round to Scouting Volunteers via

- Free Online courses
- Free online manuals and workbooks
- Roundtable live training
- Seminars and training getaways
- Live annual University of Scouting classes
- Coaching from experienced Scout leaders

The River Trails District Committee actively seeks out partners in an effort to fundraise and support the youth in our programs.

YOUR SUPPORT WILL HELP THE FAMILIES OF THE DISTRICT AND OUR YOUTH.

### **Sponsorship**

### **Sponsorship (100% Tax Deductible)**

The goal is to help each unit operate annually and subsidize the youth membership costs and send as many youth to camp as possible. Costs such as equipment and uniforms, handbooks, and camping expenses. Your sponsorship subsidizes low income families scouting expenses.

**Sponsorship Level: GOLD: \$5000 Donation** 

#### **Receive**

- Commemorative plaque
- Commemorative certificate
- District-Wide acknowledgement in local neighborhood newspapers, e-blasts, website, Facebook, and Events
- Tax-exemption receipt

Sponsorship Level: SILVER: \$1000 - \$4999 Donation

#### **Receive**

- Commemorative certificate
- District-Wide acknowledgement in e-blasts, website, Facebook, and Events
- Tax-exemption receipt

Sponsorship Levels: BRONZE: \$500 - \$999 Donation

Receive commemorative certificate and tax-exemption receipt.

#### **Donate at**

http://chicagobsa.doubleknot.com/Registration/CampaignDetail.asp?ActivityKey=1102028&OrgKey=1231

### **Get to know the River Trails District!**

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### **Yours in Scouting**