

Troop 10 Parents & Leaders,

March 2009

The country is experiencing some of the most difficult economic times in memory. Many of our friends, family and acquaintances have been impacted by lay-offs and other financial setbacks. Due to the economy, the Heart of America Boy Scout Council has seen a significant increase in the number of families requesting financial assistance to send their Scouts to summer camp. And, we know we have had Troop 10 families finding themselves in the same situation.

Please know that Troop 10 will do what we can to ensure that our Scouts have the opportunity to participate in Bartle summer camp. If your family is enduring financial hardship and you feel that your son is in jeopardy of not being able to attend camp, we would like to discretely discuss the situation and help you look at options. In order to make requests, you need only speak with two people: Blake Williams, Committee Chairman, and John Martin, Treasurer. You may initiate the conversation with either individual. Your situation will be held in the strictest of confidence, and you and your son will not be identified to others within the Troop.

Thank you,

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Follow-up Note; (4-6-2009)

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Last week Blake forwarded an email to adults discussing a Troop Campership program for families finding themselves impacted by lay-offs and the potential implications that has on the ability to pay for Bartle summer camp. The email generated inquires from families interested in knowing more about Campership for their Scout, as well as generous offers to provide funding for the program. The Campership program was discussed at the April 5th Troop Committee Meeting, which was attended by our Sponsoring organization, the Leawood Lions Club.

First and foremost, please know that funding will not be an issue that precludes any Troop 10 Scout from attending Bartle who wants to attend. Please have your Scout participate in the April 6th Bartle sign-up meeting, and get registered for camp!

If your family is experiencing financial hardship that impacts your ability to afford camp at this point, you may contact Blake Williams, Troop Committee Chairman, or John Martin, Troop Treasurer to request a Campership. If you are not comfortable in discussing your situation directly with a member of the Scout Troop, please contact Gary Flick with the Leawood Lions Club to discretely request a Campership for your son. Your conversation with any of us will be held in strict confidence, and you and your son's personal situation will not be discussed with others within in the Troop.

Donations to the Troop Campership program are being directed through the Leawood Lions Club Foundation. The Lion's Foundation operates under a 501-c-3 charter, and is tax deductible in most circumstances. If you would like to make a donation to the Campership program, please contact Gary Flick, Blake Williams or John Martin directly for more information.

I would like to personally thank the Leawood Lions Club for their tremendous support of Troop 10. They are a wonderful partner.