

To: All Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity & Venturing Units

From: Kevin Hanneken
2009 Boone Trails District Friends of Scouting Family
Campaign Chairman



Re: Company Matches for 2009 FOS Pledges

As we move closer to 2009 and the Friends of Scouting Campaign I wanted to take some time to remind you about the importance of securing company matching funds for as many pledges as possible. This is what I would call "free money" that, in the past, we have left on the table.

Many companies in the Saint Louis area will match an employee's contribution to charitable organizations. Some match dollar for dollar, as my company does, up to a specific limit. Others will match a percentage of the employee's pledge. The important thing is that these companies want to support their employee's in their charitable contributions.

As an example I typically support 2 Scouts each year. My company will match my donations at 100% up to a \$1,000.00 limit. So my 2009 pledge of \$296.00 dollars will turn into \$592.00 for the 2009 FOS Campaign.

So you can see the potentially significant impact that company matches can have when you make a pledge to the 2009 Friends of Scouting Campaign.

In the past the submission of company matching paperwork has been spotty at best. And if the paperwork is NOT submitted with the pledge the chance of the pledge getting matched is greatly reduced.

I would like to ask each Unit to remind their families to check with their employers prior to coming to the FOS presentation to see if the company will match their pledge. This can be done by calling the company's human resources department.

If their company does match ask them to complete and sign the necessary paperwork and bring it to the FOS presentation to turn in with their pledge. This will guarantee that the match will be processed and added to the 2009 FOS Campaign Total.

As always the success of this program is based solely on the participation and generosity of the Scout families.

Should you or any of your families have questions regarding the 2009 Boone Trails FOS Family Campaign I can be reached at 636.459.0651 or k.hanneken@charter.net.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin C. Hanneken". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial 'K'.

Kevin Hanneken
2009 Boone Trails Friends of Scouting Family Campaign Chairman