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Dear Friends of Camp Oklawaha,

Season's Greetings from the Gulf Stream Council, Scouting America!

The sights and sounds of the holidays remind us of the importance of great traditions, strong families, faith, and exploring the great outdoors. One of our nation's greatest traditions is Scouting. For over 100 years, Scouting America has inspired generations of Americans to be great citizens and leaders. With your help, Scouting can continue to prepare young men and women for productive and healthy lives at Camp Oklawaha for years to come.

2024 has been a busy and productive year at Camp Oklawaha in the Gulf Stream Council's Northern boundary in Sebastian, Florida. This included several successful Scouting events, including TC "Scout-ish" Highland Games, Klondike Derby, Family Camp out events, Scout Camporees, Oklawaha Conversation Day, Wilderness First Aid, Be a Scout Day, and other events, including summer camp.

As you may remember, in 2022, the Gulf Stream Council had to make a very hard decision: to either sell Camp Oklawaha to pay the Council's \$1.1 million contribution to the \$2.46 billion national Trust for Scouting abuse survivors; or to find a way to make the contribution and still keep Camp Oklawaha. The Council elected to take a mortgage against Camp Oklawaha to finance the contribution, thus keeping Camp Oklawaha open and available to our Scouting community. But that mortgage needs to be repaid.

Two years ago, we made a promise to our Scouts, their families, and the community we proudly serve. Today, we are fulfilling that promise with your unwavering support. We are now in the second year of repaying our mortgage loan, which originally stood at \$750,000. As of December 1, 2024, we have reduced this amount to \$553,217. However, we still need your generous contribution to continue providing valuable Scouting experiences in the Council's Northern boundary.

Young people don't join Scouts asking to develop their character—they want to have fun, make friends, and be outdoors. The magic of character development happens through our programs, camps, and community service projects. Through your investment in Camp Oklawaha, you are improving lives by supporting character building programs for youth in South Florida.

As you think about the causes you will support this year, we hope you will consider the tradition, values, and goals of Scouting. Through your gift of whatever level is meaningful to you, you will make it possible for young men and women to continue to be involved in this great tradition at Camp Oklawaha in its beautiful 60-acre site in Sebastian on the banks of the Sebastian River.

Please consider investing today. Let's keep our great traditions strong. In advance, please accept our heartfelt thanks on behalf of every young person in the Gulf Stream Council who will benefit from Scouting at Camp Oklawaha because of your generosity.

Donor-giving levels are available for interested parties. Naming rights are available. To find out more, contact Bianka Cullen, Development Director, at bianka.cullen@scouting.org or 561.694.8585. Donate online today at <https://donations.scouting.org/li/CampOklawaha>

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