

2007 Friends of Scouting Campaign as of September 30, 2007

District	Goal	Raised	Percent of Goal
Columbia River	\$56,200	\$67,358	120%
Oregon Trail	\$27,000	\$24,930	92%
White Bluffs	\$37,500	\$33,892	90%
Rattlesnake Ridge	\$67,500	\$52,038	77%
Eastern Oregon	\$39,500	\$29,000	73%
Pioneer	\$25,000	\$16,171	65%
Totals	\$252,700	\$223,389	85%



Council Membership

Below is the monthly membership figures for the month of September.

It's important to make sure that all youth are registered in the Scouting program. If they aren't, any advancements they may be working on might not count toward their rank advancements or other awards.

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	Members	Units
Cub Scouts	1771	103
Boy Scouts	1371	97
Varsity Scouts	386	60
Venturers	428	58
Total Traditional Membership	3956	318
Learning for Life	663	6
Exploring	143	7
Total Membership	4762	331

Scout Executive's Minute



Recently at a meeting of the Columbia Center Rotary Club, I included the Scout Law in my invocation. Several interesting things came up as a result of adding those 12 little words. Here is that invocation:

"We give thanks for divine imagination. We are truly blessed . . . boys and girls, women and men, unique and individual.

The tapestry of life that is good, beautiful, warm, intimate, vivid, creative, rich and textured with the threads, stories, tales, histories, and yarns of individuals, families and communities. We give thanks for the sharings of ourselves that life, conversation, and communication make possible.

For the centering and grounding that enables us to stand strong and alert; purposefully committed to helping others and to building a community that is just and inclusive, we give thanks. For the blessings of guidance, support and advice from our teachers, our leaders, our mentors, and our family, we give thanks.

We give thanks for our talents, our strengths and our values. Encourage our minds, embolden our hearts, and empower our spirits to be children, men and women, who are trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. Shalom and Amen"

As you can see, I did not say that it was the Scout Law. I just used the words in their usual order, but I got several smiles of recognition. Afterwards, the president of the club commented on it and the judge fined me.

The Rotarian next to me, who is my age and has not been involved in Scouting since the mid-70's, repeated the Law and the Oath to me and was amazed that he still remembered.

I can't tell you how many times this has happened to me over the years.

What an impact the words of the Scout Oath and Law have on the life of a young man. How many things like that can you remember from 30 years ago?

As new members and new leaders join our program this fall, we will have the chance to impact even more lives with the Scouting program.

Let's make sure that we make the Scout Oath and Law (or Cub Scout Promise, or Venturing Code) a vital part of our programs. Let's make sure that our new leaders are trained so that they can fully carry out the Scouting program for our youth.

Let's do all we can to make sure someone else has an experience like I did at a Rotary meeting in 2037.

Thank you for all you do to create leaders and memories.

Yours in Scouting,

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