

Employer Volunteer Hours and Matching Gift Programs Help the Grand Canyon Council help your unit!

As a volunteer who gives their time to Scouting you know how valuable the program is.

Did you know many employers also value the time you spend and will make a donation based on the time you volunteer? They might also match any financial donations you make as well.

Go to www.grandcanyonbsa.org/matching to find your employer.

You will find specific forms and instructions on how to submit your volunteer hours or matching instructions.

To make this program even better when you make your request for your employer matching or donation hours program, the Grand Canyon Council will allow your unit to receive half of those matching or donation hours funds. However, because IRS guidelines require the council to account for all funds donated under our Tax ID number, these funds will be deposited into a custodial unit account to be used by your unit for camp, awards purchases, registrations or other Scouting activities that we are able to account for and monitor internally.

We understand the need for funds will continue to exist at both the council and unit level, and we hope this effort will help us work together to enhance quality unit programs and activities, while helping your local council to reach and serve even more young people in the future.

What is the potential impact of a gift like this?

A single Scouting volunteer and Microsoft employee recently submitted the hundreds of hours he had volunteered as Scoutmaster for his troop to his employer using the forms and instructions he accessed from our website, resulting in a \$13,000 gift to the Grand Canyon Council. The council deposited \$6,500 into the unit's custodial account, and credited \$6,500 to the unit's Friends of Scouting campaign contributions, which provides immediate and direct support for council growth and service efforts. This infusion of unit funds is allowing the troop to enhance its summer camp experience and lessen the financial burden felt by parents in the unit, while knowing that their unit is also supporting council efforts to better serve our communities with Scouting.