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The Boy Scouts of America has been shaping the lives of our youth since 1910. Scouting exists because of the volunteer and financial support provided by the community. The best way to support the Boy Scouts of America financially is by making a contribution directly to Del-Mar-Va Council.

By giving to your local BSA council, you are directly supporting Scouting programs where you live — programs that clean up your parks, gather food for the area needy, and even help your community prepare for disaster.

Del-Mar-Va Council is funded by a variety of sources, including: direct contributions, events, annual popcorn sale, foundation grants, the United Way, and program/activity/camping fees.

With your support, Del-Mar-Va Council can bring the nation's highest quality Scouting programs to many more youth throughout the peninsula.

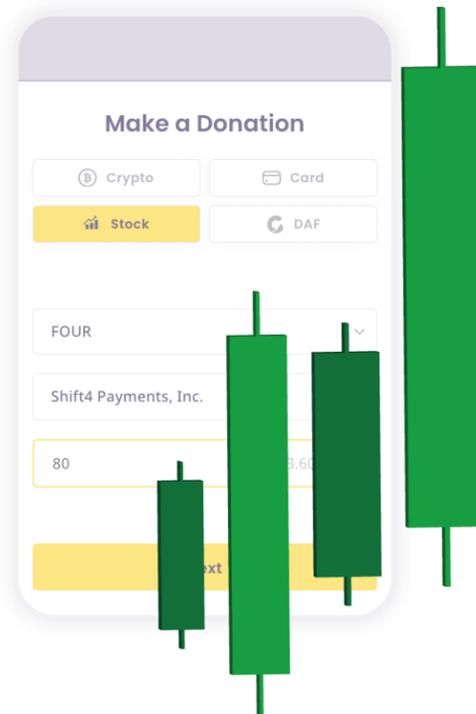
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# Del-Mar-Va Donor

A newsletter for those who support the growth of Scouting!

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**SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:**

- A vision for the future creating Character. Community. Leadership.
- Dick & Barbara Doughty—community leaders from Caroline County, MD
- How to Create A Will to continue your good works

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## Character. Community. Leadership.

Del-Mar-Va Council has served the entire Delmarva peninsula since incorporation in 1925, originating from the Wilmington Council chartered by the National BSA in 1917. Rodney Scout Reservation – named for Delaware Revolutionary War hero Ceasar Rodney – opened in 1923 on the Chesapeake Bay in Cecil County MD. During the peak BSA membership years of the late 1950's Del-Mar-Va Council purchased Nanticoke Scout Reservation – later re-named for Salisbury aviator Richard A. Henson - at the confluence of the Nanticoke and Marshyhope rivers in Dorchester County MD. Due to growing demand for more centrally located Cub Scout camping facilities a third property – Akridge Scout Reservation - was purchased in 2011. This site is named in honor of Eagle Scout John "Chip" Akridge's mother.

Del-Mar-Va Council currently supports over 4,300 youth members and 1,250 registered volunteer leaders in 202 Packs, Troops, Crews, Ships, & Posts. Each of these unit types is chartered to a key community partner including churches, fraternal organizations, and other community institutions. Over 12,000 campers are served annually at our three camps. Scouting programs across the country have helped mold the character of millions of great Americans including Michael Bloomberg, Rex Tillerson, Donald Rumsfeld, Bill Gates, Steven Spielberg, Gerald Ford, Shane Victorino, and Sam Walton.

The Coronavirus pandemic caused what the U.S. Surgeon General has called a men-

tal health pandemic among children. The teen suicide attempt rate has risen to nearly 10% nationally. 67% of fourth graders on the peninsula are not proficient in reading. 39% of Delmarva children live in single parent families. 38% of children and teens are overweight or obese. The Scouting program addresses all these societal needs, and is more relevant and necessary than



ever! The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Scouting helps young people build character, develop leadership skills, and positively impact their community. Scouts learn about teamwork, communication, decision-making, and responsibility - all essential skills for success in leadership roles.

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Glenn Smith of the Smith-Orr Family Foundation presented this new pickup truck to Del-Mar-Va Council to help serve the program needs of the Council. The truck is capable of towing the council's mobile climbing wall to membership growth events! Thank you Glenn and Virginia District!



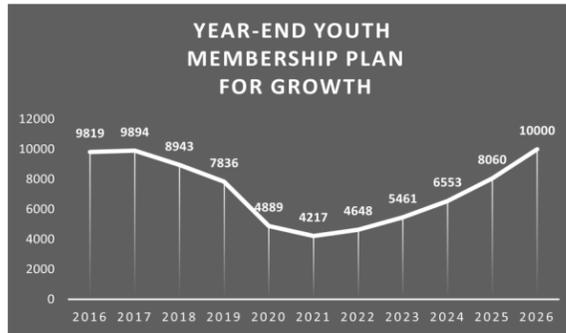
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### - Our Vision (continued from page 1)

1. To grow Del-Mar-Va Council membership to pre-COVID levels of 10,000 registered youth members by the end of 2026. This membership will include boys and girls. 1,000 Cub Scouts (ages 6-10) in council paid membership "Scoutreach" units working in traditionally underserved communities. 1,000 Explorers (ages 14-18) in career awareness/workforce development Posts, 5,000 Cub Scouts and 2,500 Scouts BSA youth in traditional Troops, Crews, and Ships.
2. To complete the buildout of the Akridge Scout Reservation to provide world class, year-round camping and program facilities for Cub Scout families. Construction will

include program areas, bath houses, tree houses, yurts, and cabins for lodging, and a kitchen facility to provide food service.

3. To grow the Council endowment fund to provide long-term financial stability and investment revenues to support growing operations and membership.



### Have You Created a Will?

Creating a will is an important step in ensuring that your assets are distributed according to your wishes after you pass away. If you are considering including the Del-Mar-Va Council in your will, there are several reasons why this can be a meaningful and impactful decision:

1. **Supporting a Cause You Care About:** By including the Del-Mar-Va Council in your will, you are expressing your lasting commitment to support the values of the Scout Oath and Law.
2. **Tax Benefits:** In some cases, charitable bequests can have potential tax benefits. Consult with a financial advisor or estate planning professional to understand the tax implications of including a charitable organization like the Del-Mar-Va Council Boy Scouts in your will.
3. **Honoring Personal Connections:** If you or your family members have had positive experiences with the Boy Scouts, including the organization in your will can be a way to honor those memories and connections.
4. **Flexible Giving Options:** When you create a will, you have the flexibility to specify how you want your assets to be used. You can designate a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, or even specific assets for the benefit of the Del-Mar-Va Council Boy Scouts.

Before making any decisions, it's important to consult with legal and financial professionals to ensure that your wishes are accurately reflected in your will and to understand the potential implications for your overall estate plan. Del-Mar-Va Council has access to expert legal services that can be offered at significant discount prices to those interested in learning more. Please reach out to [development@dmvc.org](mailto:development@dmvc.org) or Ray Teat at 302-622-3300.

# Investor Profile: Dick & Barbara Doughty

Dick and Barbara Doughty are lifelong Scouters on the Delmarva peninsula. Dick first joined as a Cub Scout in 1951 in Claymont, DE. Barbara was a Girl Scout leader for many years. Their three children - Eagle Scout Roger of Cincinnati OH, Gold Award daughter Karen of Bethlehem, PA and Eagle Scout Kevin of Newark, DE have carried on the family tradition begun by Dick's father Franklin Doughty. Franklin attained the rank of Star Scout. Earning a Silver Beaver as a Del-Mar-Va Council board member during his career as Plant Manager for the DuPont Experimental Station, he worked on the acquisition committees for both

board member and is a Silver Beaver recipient. He chaired the Council Properties Committee in two separate stints from 1990 - 2016. During his tenure Dick authored a Construction & Maintenance Standards guide, and an Access database used for managing camp maintenance, that are still in use today. He was also the chief architect of



Henson Scout Reservation, and the 801 Washington St. Council Service Center. Franklin espoused the values of the Scout Oath and Law throughout his life. Dick and his brother Robert both learned those values and earned their Eagle ranks. Dick and Barbara's two Eagle Scout sons each have an Eagle Scout son as well! Dick has served Del-Mar-Va Council as a unit leader, troop committee chair and

the Akridge Scout Reservation master plan. As a youth he worked on the Rodney camp staff starting as a C.I.T. for Jim Pyle in 1958. He remembers working in the Quartermaster Shack that was overhanging the bluff on the edge of the parade field. While on camp staff at Rodney he played the pump organ at the chapel for Sunday morning worship services and in Brown Lodge accompanying hymns and other songs for camp staff.

Dick and Barbara have been consistent financial supporters of Del-Mar-Va Council. They believe that Scouting is one of the few youth serving organizations



which give children such a valid life path, teaching leadership skills and values that they can't get anywhere else. They said, "Scouting has done a lot of good for the world by allowing children to spread their

wings, make mistakes, and learn from them in a safe and supportive environment". Dick and Barbara live on a beautiful, fully restored farmstead on the banks of the Choptank river in Caroline County, Maryland. They are active members of the

Unitarian Universalist Church at Easton where Dick currently serves as Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee. They also support the Talbot Interfaith Shelter working to end homelessness on the Eastern Shore. They continue to give back to their community and Scouting because they recognize the tremendous role that Scouting has, and continues to play, for them and their entire family.

