

Troop 49 Matt Valentine Camp Scholarship Fund

The Troop 49 Matt Valentine Camp Scholarship Fund is available to help Troop 49 scouts with limited resources pay for camp. Troop 49 set up this fund in 2014 using donations made by the Valentine Family and several Troop 49 families. Troop 49 recognizes that attending camp can make a lasting impact on a young man's life and we strongly encourage each of our scouts to attend camp every year, especially a week-long summer camp.

About Matt Valentine

Matt Valentine was Troop 49's first Scoutmaster, from 1978-1986. He served the troop in many ways; as Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Committee Chair, Public Relations, Merit Badge Counselor, Unit Commissioner, and mentor to 57 Eagle Scouts including his son Matthew in 1985. With the number of additional scouts, parents and adult leaders- he impacted the lives of hundreds in the troop alone, and hundreds more in the District. Mr. Valentine used to say "we have succeeded if we can make a positive impact on at least one scout".

The scout motto is "be prepared", and Mr. Valentine was always prepared, sometimes over prepared, but he made sure everyone was prepared. There is a line in the scout oath that says "to help other people at all times"- that was Mr. Valentine's mission. He was very generous. Over the years Mr. Valentine made some lasting donations to Troop 49, including the purchase of our current troop trailer, several high adventure tents, our original Timberline tents used on all weekend and summer camps, and the Camp kitchen sink and Dutch ovens. The door of our Troop trailer reads: *In Memory of Matt Valentine, 35 years of Scouting.*

Mr. Valentine's legacy lives on in the Matt Valentine Camp Scholarship Fund.

Applying for Funds

To request funds for camp, the Scout and family should fill out an application and give it to our Scoutmaster. Members of the Troop Committee will review the application and make the funding decision. The Scholarship Fund will pay up to 1/2 of the registration fee of the camp. We encourage scouts to earn additional funds for camp by participating in our fundraising sales and events. Campership funds are available from Potawatomi Area Council for PAC week-long camps and should be sought in conjunction with the Troop 49 Valentine Camp Scholarship Fund.

Scouts who benefit from the Valentine Camp Scholarship Fund will be required to write a thank you note to the Valentine Family after returning from Camp. The scout should consider donating to the Fund when able with a portion of what he earns through Troop fundraising product sales and events. And, as the scout finds success in his adult life, we encourage him to find a way to help another young man attend scout camp- leaving his own legacy.