Did you know the United Way No Longer Funds the Grand Teton Council?

In 2018 the board of directors of both the United Way in Idaho Falls and the United Way in Pocatello discontinued funding for Scouting programs in eastern Idaho. After a two-year cooling off period, and because of significant funding decreases in 2019 and 2020, the Grand Teton Council reapplied for grant support from both United Ways.

Now, when financial support is urgently needed, we have been informed that the Grand Teton Council will not be receiving any allocated United Way funding. Apparently, the mission of the United Way is no longer compatible with the mission of the Boy Scouts of America which “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.”

The purpose of this communication is to let you know that, seemingly, the only way Scouting can receive any United Way funds is if donations are designated or directed to go to the Grand Teton Council.

If you support the United Way, we encourage you to donate to them because they support many good and worthy local non-profit agencies. If you feel inclined or obligated to donate to the United Way and you would like part or all of your donation to go to Scouting, please designate the Grand Teton Council when you fill out the pledge card and make your donation.

Local Scouting is in crucial need of your financial support and our youth need Scouting now more than ever before.

Please consider donating today. To donate please go to tetonscouts.org and click on the “Contribute” option. Or click here