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Dear Friends and Alumni of Pack & Troop 72,

We need your help!

The Group of Citizens, Fogelsville, PA 18051, Inc. (GOC), the chartering organization for Pack & Troop 72, has some exciting news to share! Because of development of the surrounding property, the GOC had the unique opportunity to take formal ownership of Camp Spirit / Hassen Creek Lodge and the surrounding twenty-three acres of property in October 2022! This acquisition has allowed Pack & Troop 72 to become one of the few Scout units in the nation to have not only its own dedicated meeting and camping facilities but have complete ownership of them as well.

As a friend or alumnus of Pack & Troop 72, we hope that Camp Spirit had a positive impact on your Scouting experience. We are forming a Friend and Alumni group with the hope that in conjunction with our active members, you can help us financially support Camp Spirit. Your support would contribute towards the continuation of two outstanding programs where our youth will continue to grow and succeed in Scouting.

As with any property, the costs of maintaining the Camp Spirit facility (insurance, fuel oil, electric, water, inspections, etc.) increase every year. For 2024, our operating expenses are expected to slightly exceed \$8,000). The expenses are currently offset by participant fees, donations, and weekend rentals to other Scouting groups. Unfortunately, the participant fees create an ever-increasing hurdle to Scouts wishing to join Pack & Troop 72. We are starting an annual donation campaign requesting financial and service contributions of any amount that could help offset our annual operating expenses. A Scout is Thrifty! We try to stretch every dollar and service hour as far as we possibly can!

I thank you in advance for any donation you may be able to offer. Your support will allow Scouts to maintain their current level of dues and continue their participation in the Scouting program in the years to come.

Yours In Scouting,

Gary Laudenslager, President

The Group of Citizens, Fogelsville, PA 18051, Inc., is a charitable organization as defined by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your tax-deductible contribution will support our mission of sponsoring Cub Pack 72, Scouts BSA Troop 72 and other scouting activities.