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Dear Friends,

Here's a peek at what you can make possible.

Joseph, a Boy Scout from Palos Heights, sent us the letter below after he experienced the wonders of summer camp last year as a recipient of a Campership. Joseph's story is representative of the 400 Scouts funded in 2016 and the thousands of other young people you impact every day through your support of local Scouting.

I'd like to take this chance to thank you for helping me get to summer camp this year, without your help, I wouldn't have been able to have the awesome experiences that I had. Over the period of time that I was there, I enrolled in three merit badges -Kayaking, Rifle Shooting, and Fishing- all of which were EXTREMELY fun. I quickly found that even though it was my first time kayaking, I was pretty quick when it came to paddling out on the lake. One of the coolest parts was when we had to jump out of the kayak in the middle of the lake, and get back in. For the Rifle Shooting merit badge, we had to shoot five groupings. This was really cool because even though I wasn't the greatest shot, I nailed all of my groupings and still had time to do other stuff. When it came to the Fishing merit badge, I had a blast. One night, five other boys and I made a float plan and took three rowboats out on the lake, and fished for about two-and-a-half hours. Even though we caught minimal fish, it was still a great experience. I was planning on taking the Small-Boat Sailing merit badge, but the class filled up too quickly. So I filled in that time with some Archery. I found this to be one of the most exciting parts about my time at camp. It was my first time ever shooting a compound bow, but I knew how to shoot and adjusted quickly. Also, one of the best things about summer camp this year was that I basically completed the Second-Class rank. So once again, I wanted to thank you for helping make this year at camp possible for me.

*Sincerely,
Joseph*

We hope you will consider making a gift today to support our mission as we continue to provide life-changing outdoor experiences for Scouts in Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana.

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Yours in Scouting,

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