EXCITING NEWS:
SME and MEC Continue Moving Forward With Scouting

The MEC Scouting Subcommittee is dedicated to helping Scouts learn about the mining industry and its impact on their lives, by focusing on the following:

1. Promotion & Outreach To Youth: The Mining in Society Merit Badge is our primary connection to the Boy Scouts of America’s youth members between 11 and 17 years of age. Expansion to other youth service organizations will follow, beginning with Girl Scouts USA.

2. Industry Awareness: Partnering with mines and miners in their local areas in support of the merit badge builds opportunities for community engagement within the US mining industry.

3. Connect & Support: The MEC website is the major resource for Mining in Society merit badge counselors, SME volunteers and Scouts. The MiS Merit Badge is on a 5 year revision schedule, requiring that we keep the site current.

4. Engage Student Chapters: SME Student Chapters need materials and guidance for the sort of public outreach opportunities provided by the Mining in Society merit badge. Our student members are natural leaders, and many who were in Scouting will welcome the chance to give back.

5. Physical Presence: Participation in future National Scout Jamborees, World Scout Jamborees and other regional, national and international events requires planning, resources and execution.

Background: Starting in 2003, the SME and the Minerals Education Coalition worked with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) to develop the Mining in Society merit badge, including the requirements, pamphlet, badge design and other materials. This cooperative relationship led to an outstanding booth at the 2017 National Scout Jamboree in West Virginia, where over 40 SME volunteers helped over 600 Scouts earn the badge during the two-week event! The MEC Scouting Subcommittee was then formed to continue these efforts.

But wait... there’s more...
Help Scouts Discover Mining With YOUR Support!

Our Scouting success can only continue with the support – financial and material – of SME members LIKE YOU, the SME Foundation, and industry partners!

In the next four years, the SME/MEC Scouting program will provide individual opportunities thru Student Chapters, Young Leaders, Divisions and Local Sections.

This outreach includes the 2019 World Scout Jamboree and the 2021 National Scout Jamboree.

The World Scout Jamboree only takes place in the US every 20-30 years. The National Scout Jamboree is on a 4-year cycle. Both are unique opportunities to teach youth from around the US - and the world - about the importance of mining.

Our annual $15,000 funding target will support both annual and recurring Jamboree costs, and it depends on YOU!

CONTRIBUTE TODAY AT: SMENET.ORG/scout-fund

Your support is needed at any level, including:

- Hiker $50
- Trail Guide $100
- Fire Builder $250
- Trailblazer $500
- Chief Scouter $750+

Your generosity will be recognized by:

- MEC website & Scouting Subcommittee acknowledgement
- MEC Scouting Subcommittee Annual Report & Quarterly Newsletter
- Advanced Notice of Engagement Opportunities
- Attendee Ribbon - SME Annual Conference
- Designation as “Sustaining Contributor” with an annual pledge

GET INVOLVED:
Are you interested in helping young people learn about mining?

Visit https://MineralsEducationCoalition.org/Scouts to learn about current and upcoming opportunities, including how to become a Mining in Society Merit Badge Counselor!

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