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Barron Electric Cooperative Helps Scouts Achieve Excellence

Barron Electric Cooperative donated \$1,000 each to Chippewa Valley Council Scouting America, Northern Star Scouting, as well as Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes. Barron Electric's General Manager Aaron Torud remarked, "We are proud to support programs that help young people build strong character." Andrea Blaeser, Development Director for Boy Scouts of America Chippewa Valley Council, said, "We truly appreciate your thoughtful contribution of \$1,000 to the Chippewa Valley Council. Our programs could not exist without the generosity of businesses like you."

Scouting America's goal is to help young people learn meaningful life skills, advancing their growth and future outcomes as leaders. More than 130 million Americans have been through Scouting programs since 1910. The Chippewa Valley Council serves nearly 5,000 youth throughout 10 counties in West Central Wisconsin. Northern Star Scouting operates eight camps in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Youth have the opportunity to choose from a variety of programs. Barron Electric provides electricity to two Boy Scout camps including Tomahawk Scout Reservation, Birchwood and L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation, Rice Lake.

Barron Electric Cooperative's donation to the Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes went towards expenses associated with "Adventures on the Go™ Tour," which is a mobile unit, providing accessibility to outdoor experiences, aimed at getting more youth on the water, in the trees, and under the stars. Visit gsnwgl.org for more information.

Funds for Barron Electric's donations are derived from the Federated Youth Foundation, an administrative trust overseeing unclaimed cashback credits of former members. The Federated Youth Foundation has specific requirements for which the funds can be used. Legally, Barron Electric cannot use funds from cashback credits to reduce rates. Barron Electric has served the rural area since 1936 and currently provides electricity to nearly 20,000 members.
