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TROOP [NUMBER] — SPONSORSHIP & PARTNERSHIP LETTERS PACKET

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Chartered by: VFW Post 9546, Hayfork, CA

LETTER 1: BUSINESS MATERIAL & INVENTORY REQUEST

[Insert Date]

To the Management and Team at [Insert Business Name],

I am writing to you today with a historic request for our community. Supported heavily by the veterans of VFW Post 9546, we are officially launching Hayfork's brand-new Scouts BSA Troop. As the inaugural Scoutmaster and the Senior Vice Commander of our local VFW Post, my mission is to get our local youth (primarily ages 12–13) off their screens and into our world-class backyard to learn grit, leadership, and survival craft.

Our core mission is that **no youth should ever be denied the opportunity to experience Scouting due to financial hardship**. To achieve this, we are building a "Troop Gear Loan Locker" so that we can provide backpacks, sleeping bags, and uniforms completely free of charge to any child in need for long-term use throughout their time in the troop.

However, as a brand-new unit starting from absolute scratch, we currently lack foundational group infrastructure. We are launching an active, monthly high-adventure camping schedule stretching from April to October, starting with a primitive campout at Indian Valley this July. To make this safe and successful for our 5 founding Scouts and 4 adult volunteers in the summer heat, we are asking for your business's support through a tax-deductible donation of store inventory or equipment credit.

Specifically, we are hoping your team might help us secure:

- **Campsite Infrastructure:** A 10x20-foot commercial pop-up canopy with mesh sidewalls to serve as our safe, shaded camp kitchen and mess tent.
- **Adult Base Camp Housing:** A 12x14-foot canvas wall tent with frames to safely house our four adult volunteer leaders on site.
- **Woodcraft Tools:** Pack axes, camp hatchets, and locking pocketknives (used strictly under adult supervision once Scouts earn their safety certifications).
- **Campsite Consumables:** Bulk trail food, hydration powders, cooler ice, or fuel cards to transport our portable water trailer.

Because our troop is chartered directly under the VFW Post 9546 non-profit civic umbrella (501c19), your contribution is entirely tax-deductible. We would be honored to prominently display your business name on our troop gear trailer and recognize your sponsorship at our upcoming VFW Charter Presentation Night.

I will follow up with you in person next week, or you can reach me directly at (530) 784-1299 or nexus2322@gmail.com. Thank you for your time, your consideration, and your continued commitment to the Hayfork community.

Sincerely,

Daniel Bowman

Inaugural Scoutmaster, Troop [Number]
Senior Vice Commander, VFW Post 9546
Hayfork, CA

LETTER 2: CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP & SCOUTING OPPORTUNITY FUND

[Insert Date]

To the Leadership Team at [Insert Organization Name],

As the Senior Vice Commander of VFW Post 9546 and the newly appointed Scoutmaster of Hayfork's brand-new Scouts BSA Troop, I am reaching out to your organization to form a powerful partnership for the youth of Trinity County.

Our veterans have officially chartered this new troop to provide our local 12- and 13-year-olds with rigorous, real-world training in self-reliance, civic responsibility, and natural resource conservation. Our core curriculum involves a mandatory monthly camping schedule stretching from April to October. Our youth will be tackling advanced land navigation, pioneering, and forest conservation, culminating in an advanced primitive survival-craft campout in October.

Our absolute, unyielding goal is that **no youth will ever be denied the opportunity to enjoy Scouting because they are impoverished**. To remove the massive retail barriers facing local families, we have established the **Troop [Number] Scouting Opportunity Fund**. We are seeking your corporate sponsorship to fund this equity initiative and help purchase our large group base camp infrastructure.

We would be incredibly grateful for your backing through any of the following targeted pathways:

- **Founding Uniform & Handbook Sponsor (\$150 per Scout):** Directly purchases an official Class A uniform shirt, full insignia patches, belt, and a Scouts BSA Handbook for long-term loan to an underprivileged youth.
- **Annual Dues Sponsor (\$110 per Scout):** Fully covers national registration fees and local council insurance for one year, ensuring a child can participate risk-free.
- **Summer Camp Campership (\$450 per Scout):** Funds a local Scout's registration to attend a full week of resident summer camp in 2027.

- **Group Infrastructure Funding:** Contributions toward our primary field assets, specifically a 10x20-foot commercial kitchen mess tent and a 12x14-foot canvas adult leader wall tent.

Every dollar contributed to this fund stays 100% local and flows directly through VFW Post 9546's tax-exempt civic status. Your investment guarantees that the youth of Hayfork develop grit, leadership, and a deep respect for our public lands, regardless of their family's economic status.

I look forward to discussing how we can work together. I will contact your office next week, or I can be reached anytime at (530) 784-1299 or nexus2322@gmail.com. Thank you for your vital service to our canyon and for investing in our youth.

Sincerely,

Daniel Bowman

Inaugural Scoutmaster, Troop [Number]
Senior Vice Commander, VFW Post 9546
Hayfork, CA

LETTER 3: U.S. FOREST SERVICE CIVIC PARTNERSHIP REQUEST

[Insert Date]

To the District Ranger and Team,
USFS Hayfork Ranger Station
Hayfork, CA 96041

Dear District Ranger,

As the Senior Vice Commander of VFW Post 9546 and the newly appointed Scoutmaster of Hayfork's brand-new Scouts BSA Troop, I am reaching out to establish a formal civic and educational partnership between our local youth and the U.S. Forest Service.

Our VFW veterans have officially chartered this troop to provide our local 12- and 13-year-olds with rigorous, real-world training in outdoor self-reliance and civic responsibility. To achieve this, we have instituted a mandatory monthly camping schedule running from April to October. Our youth will be practicing land navigation, pioneering, and dispersed wilderness survival on public lands, including an upcoming primitive campout at the Indian Valley USFS Campground on July 24–26, 2026.

Our unwavering goal is that no youth should ever be denied the opportunity to enjoy Scouting because they are impoverished. We are absorbing all gear and registration costs for families in need. While the USFS cannot directly donate physical equipment or funds, your team possesses the precise expertise our young Scouts need to become elite stewards of our public lands. We are formally requesting a donation of **educational instruction, campsite fee waivers, and agency interface** throughout our core season.

Specifically, we are hoping to partner with the Hayfork Ranger Station for:

- **Field Instruction & Interface:** Inviting a Ranger or Wilderness Specialist to visit our Saturday afternoon “Shade Siestas” during our local campouts to teach wild plant identification, forestry management, and regional fire safety.
- **Leave No Trace Certification:** Partnering with your staff to ensure our youth are trained directly by the USFS in advanced low-impact camping, proper trail sanitation (including primitive latrine building), and watershed protection.
- **Community Conservation Projects:** Aligning our troop with upcoming USFS trail clearance, campsite restoration, or reforestation projects in the Hayfork area so our Scouts can earn service hours by giving back to our forests.

By interfacing with the Forest Service, these young, local Scouts will learn to view our public lands not just as a playground, but as a shared responsibility. We would be honored to welcome your staff to our regular Thursday meetings at the VFW Hall to map out these opportunities.

I will follow up with your office in person next week, or I can be reached anytime at (530) 784-1299 or nexus2322@gmail.com. Thank you for your vital service to our canyon and for investing in the next generation of conservationists.

Sincerely,

Daniel Bowman

Inaugural Scoutmaster, Troop [Number]
Senior Vice Commander, VFW Post 9546
Hayfork, CA

LETTER 4: EQUIPMENT DONATION & TAX CREDIT REQUEST (First Impressions Barbershop)

[Insert Date]

To: Scott and Laurie McAllister, Owners
First Impressions Barbershop
Hayfork, CA 96041

Dear Scott and Laurie,

I am writing to you today to follow up on our recent conversation regarding your utility trailer, and to tie it into an exciting new initiative for our community. Backed heavily by the veterans of VFW Post 9546, we are officially launching Hayfork’s brand-new Scouts BSA Troop. As the inaugural Scoutmaster and the Senior Vice Commander of our local VFW Post, my immediate goal is to get our local 12- and 13-year-olds into our surrounding wilderness to learn leadership, survival craft, and self-reliance.

Our absolute, unyielding commitment is that **no youth will ever be denied the opportunity to enjoy Scouting because they are impoverished.** To achieve this, our troop is absorbing all costs for uniform sponsorships and building a long-term “Gear Loan Locker” to provide

packs and sleeping bags to families in need completely free of charge for their entire duration in the program.

To haul this gear, our 10x20-foot kitchen mess tent, and our adult safety equipment to our monthly campouts from April to October, our single biggest remaining obstacle is securing transportation. Based on our previous discussion, I would like to formally propose a partnership that directly benefits our youth while providing a significant financial advantage to your business.

We are asking *First Impressions* to consider **donating the utility trailer directly to the troop as a 100% tax-deductible contribution through VFW Post 9546.**

Because our troop is a youth program owned and operated under the VFW Post's non-profit 501(c)(19) veterans' civic umbrella, your donation qualifies as a charitable contribution. The benefits to *First Impressions* include:

- **Full Tax Credit:** We will instantly issue an official VFW non-cash donation receipt documenting the fair market value of the trailer, allowing your business to claim the maximum legal deduction (and file IRS Form 8283) for this tax year.
- **A Mobile Billboard for Your Shop:** We plan to clean, prep, and paint this trailer to serve as our primary gear transport. We would be proud to prominently display the *First Impressions* logo on the side of the trailer, showcasing your business's generosity every time we drive through town or haul gear to regional campsites like Ruth Lake and Indian Valley.
- **Community Recognition:** Your business will be formally recognized as a founding corporate sponsor at our upcoming VFW Charter Presentation Night.

By donating this trailer, you and Laurie will be providing the literal wheels that move this troop forward. I would love to stop by the shop next week to fill out the paperwork and hand you our official tax info. You can also reach me anytime at (530) 784-1299 or nexus2322@gmail.com. Thank you both for your time, your kindness, and your continued dedication to the people of Hayfork.

Sincerely,

Daniel Bowman

Inaugural Scoutmaster, Troop [Number]
Senior Vice Commander, VFW Post 9546
Hayfork, CA

LETTER 5: CAMPING FEES & WATERCRAFT RENTAL REQUEST (Ruth Lake CSD)

[Insert Date]

To the Board of Directors and District Management,
Ruth Lake Community Services District
Mad River, CA 95552

Dear Directors and Management,

I am writing to you today to request a vital community partnership. Backed and chartered by the veterans of VFW Post 9546 in Hayfork, we are officially launching a brand-new Scouts BSA Troop. As the inaugural Scoutmaster and the Senior Vice Commander of our local VFW Post, my mission is to get our local youth (primarily ages 12–13) into our surrounding backcountry to learn leadership, safety, and outdoor self-reliance.

Our core foundational rule is that **no child will ever be denied the opportunity to experience Scouting due to poverty**. Our troop is fully absorbing the costs of registration dues, uniforms, and long-term gear loans for underprivileged families in our canyon. To deliver this program, we have instituted a mandatory monthly campout schedule running from April to October.

Ruth Lake is the premier aquatics training ground in our region, and we have scheduled our upcoming maritime safety and engineering modules at your facilities. Because our unit is starting from absolute scratch, we currently possess zero watercraft, life jackets, or marine safety gear. We are formally requesting a charitable donation of **campsite fee waivers and watercraft rental use** for our 2026–2027 operations.

Specifically, we are seeking a civic partnership with the Ruth Lake CSD for:

- **Campsite Fee Waivers:** Waiving the standard nightly fees for our troop site at the Ruth Rec or Boy Scout Campground during our scheduled weekend training trips.
- **Watercraft Fleet Use:** Allowing our trained Scouts and adult safety teams access to a few of your rental canoes, kayaks, and matching USCG-approved life jackets for our Saturday afternoon instruction blocks.
- **BSA Safety Afloat Compliance:** Interfacing with your lake patrol or safety staff to ensure our young Scouts are trained to the highest standard of regional water safety.

Because our troop is chartered directly under the VFW Post's non-profit civic status (501c19), any waivers or fleet access credits you provide are fully tax-deductible. In return, our Scouts are fully prepared to execute a community service project at Ruth Lake—such as a shoreline litter sweep or campsite brush clearance—to leave your facilities cleaner than we found them.

Thank you for your time, your dedication to Trinity County recreation, and your investment in our youth. I will follow up with your office next week, or I can be reached directly at (530) 784-1299 or nexus2322@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Daniel Bowman

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