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**NOW AVAILABLE:
DIRECT CHARITABLE IRA TRANSFERS TO BSA COUNCILS**

Late last year, tax laws were changed to allow qualifying donors to make tax-free IRA rollover gifts to charities, including our local council, without being taxed on the withdrawal. These IRA gifts:

- Must go directly from the IRA to the charity – they cannot go to the donor first;
- The donor must be at least 70 ½ years of age when the request is made
- Total transfers must not exceed \$100,000, per year, per donor
- Will count towards the donor’s annual Minimum Required Distribution;
- Must be outright gifts, but may be designated to specific uses or purposes;
- Cannot go into donor advised funds, gift annuities, or charitable trusts
- The donor may not receive any goods or services in return for the gift;
- Must come out of traditional and Roth IRAs – not 401(k)s, 403(b)s or other qualified plans;
- May be made by both spouses, if both gifts come from different and separate IRAs;
- May be made at any time during the year.

Donors do not receive a charitable income tax deduction for these charitable IRA gifts. However, these gifts are particularly beneficial for donors who: 1) do not or cannot use itemized deductions, or 2) are limited or already maxed out on the amount of charitable tax deductions they can currently take. Even if you do itemize, a direct IRA transfer may still save you both Federal and state taxes.

Contact your IRA plan administrator. Ask them to withdraw the requested amount and distribute it directly to the Ore-Ida Council or other charities of your choice. If you have check writing privileges on your account, this may be the fastest way to make your gift directly to Scouting. *[A sample letter to request the funds is available upon request].*

For donors who can’t take advantage of this type of gift, there are other, great opportunities for gifts of stocks, real estate, gift annuities, and other types of gifts. Please talk with your own financial adviser about the impact these gifts may have on your specific tax situation. For questions, contact us here at the Ore-Ida Council. Thank you for your continuing support of Scouting!