



SCOUTING TRAILS

Rip Van Winkle Council, BSA #405

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August 2021 Newsletter

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best
to do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
to help other people at all times;
to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.



Scouts and Scouters,

The Scout Oath is an amazing piece of writing. It is the embodiment of the Scouting program here in the United States. The first few words help set the tone for the rest of the Oath. When a Scout stands before their fellow Scouts and pledges, "On my honor, I will do my best," they should not take those words lightly. As Tenderfoot Scouts we essentially said to ourselves, "These are my rules. I believe in them and accept them." We became Scouts on the trail, taking a bearing on our future and moving forward. Personally, it has served as a reminder to me of HOPE because I know every time I recite the Scout Oath, I am committing myself to actions in the future.

I remind you of this commitment, as fall is just around the corner. With it comes a new program year of Scouting and the chance to help our youth escape the great indoors. We have the opportunity to give the Scouting program to a young boy or girl who has never been given the chance to be a Scout before.

We can live in the past with its insecurities, unknowns, stresses, and frustrations, or we can provide hope for the youth in our communities.

Be safe! We are all in this together.

See you down the trail...

Dana E. Kuhns
Scout Executive/CEO

UPCOMING COUNCIL CALENDAR

August	
1	OA – LEC
2	CPS - Popcorn Kickoff
4	CPS - Popcorn Show and Sell Orders Due
11	AD - Algonquin District Commissioners meeting
11	AD - Algonquin District Committee meeting
12	MD - Mohican District Commissioners meeting
12	MD - Mohican District Committee meeting
17	RVWC - Finance Committee
20	CPS - Show and Sell Popcorn Pick-up
23	RVWC - Executive Committee meeting

September	
1	AD - Algonquin District Commissioners meeting
1	CPS - Fall Popcorn Sale Begins
2	MD - Mohican District Commissioners meeting
6	J - Rosh Hoshana begins at sunset
6	RVWC - Service Center and Scout Shop Closed
6	US - Labor Day
7	J - Rosh Hashanah
8	AD - Algonquin District Committee meeting
9	MD - Mohican District Committee meeting
10 to 12	CTM - Camp Closed
10 to 12	OA - Fall Ordeal
10 to 12	OA - Fall Weekend
11 to 12	OA - Brotherhood
15	J - Yom Kippur begins at sunset
16	J - Yom Kippur
20	J - Sukkot begins at sunset
21	J – Sukkot
21	RVWC - Finance Committee
23	RVWC - Sporting Clay Set Up
24	RVWC - Sporting Clays Tournament
24	RVWC - Service Center and Scout Shop Closed
26	OA – LEC
27	RVWC - Executive Board meeting

Calendar acronyms:

AD - Algonquin District
C - Christian holiday
CDC - Council Discount Card
CS - Cub Scout
CTAA - Camp Tri-Mount Alumni Assn.
CTM - Camp Tri-Mount

I - Islamic holiday
J - Jewish holiday
MD - Mohican District
OA - Order of the Arrow
RVWC - Rip Van Winkle Council
US - US holiday

SEEKING DONATIONS OF ITEMS FOR OUR AUCTIONS

The Rip Van Winkle Council, BSA operates two auctions each year. One as part of our annual sporting Clays for Scouting event and the second in association with our Distinguished Citizen Award dinner. We are seeking items to include with these auctions.

Auction items have included:

- Bus tickets
- Gift cards
- Rounds of golf for 2
- Oil & Filter Change
- Wash/Wax/Interior Clean
- Artwork
- Tickets to sporting events
- Tools
- Kitchen equipment
- Clothing
- Candles
- Duffle bags
- Lego kits
- Lift tickets
- Tubing tickets
- Jewelry
- Electronics equipment
- Grill/ tools
- Complementary nights at a local hotel/motel/resort
- Use of a second home / rental for a time
- Themed baskets



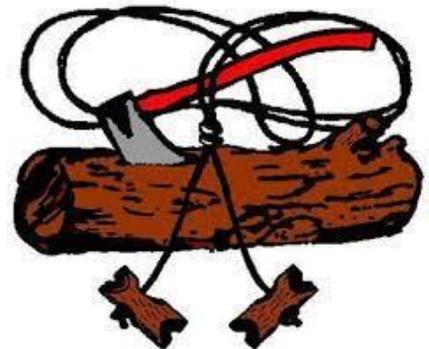
If you can help us provide any of these items, please contact Dana Kuhns at dana.kuhns@scouting.org.

SIGN UP FOR WOODBADGE TRAINING!!

Wood Badge draws upon the most current leadership models used by corporate America, academic circles, and successful organizations throughout the country.

Wood Badge training was begun by Baden Powell in 1919 to ensure that the leaders of Scout troops were properly trained. Since then, Wood Badge has been held worldwide, providing advanced leadership training to thousands of Scout leaders.

Wood Badge builds upon the best traditions and



experiences of the Boy Scouts of America and also draws from a wide range of courses within and beyond the bounds of Scouting to present the latest in leadership theory and team development.

Cost: \$250
Contact: William Babbage
Course Director
bspascouting@gmail.com

More...

Weekend 1

Camp Wakpominee
Friday 09-17-2021 7:30 AM to
Sunday 09-19-2021 5:00 PM

Weekend 2

Camp Wakpominee
Saturday 10-23-2021 7:30 AM to
Monday 10-24-2021 5:00 PM

Register Here!:

- <https://scoutingevent.com/364-43927>

NEW MY.Scouting HAZARDOUS WEATHER TRAINING EXPIRATION EMAILS

For direct contact leaders, staying current on Hazardous Weather Training is an important part of offering a safe Scouting program and needs to be renewed every 2 years. Like Youth Protection Mandatory Training, My.Scouting will now provide notification e-mails at 14-30-60-90-day intervals prior to expiring. Upon expiration of a person's training, an e-mail will also be sent.

These notifications are important. Knowing how to recognize and manage weather and environmental risks is key to keeping our participants [SAFE](#) in Scouting's outdoor classroom.

Please take the time before you venture out on your next outdoor adventure and update your training by going to <https://my.scouting.org/> and then selecting the BSA Learn Center. You can quickly access the course in the Learn Center by selecting My Learning and typing "hazardous weather" in the search box. Clicking the "Retake" button will take you to the course so you can "Start Again" and complete it to update your training record in My.Scouting.

Thank you for all you do in serving youth and keeping Scouting safe!

THE BSA HAS JUST LAUNCHED A NEW SITE FOR RECRUITING RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

It's time to help families discover Scouting, and this new landing page has resources to share with anyone who will be recruiting. The page offers easy access to recruitment marketing materials, social planning tools, details, and registration information for upcoming webinars, and much more!



The link is below:

<https://www.scouting.org/recruitment/https://www.scouting.org/recruitment/>

2021 GUIDE TO ADVANCEMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE

The 2021 Guide to Advancement, your official source for administering advancement in all Boy Scouts of America programs, is now available.

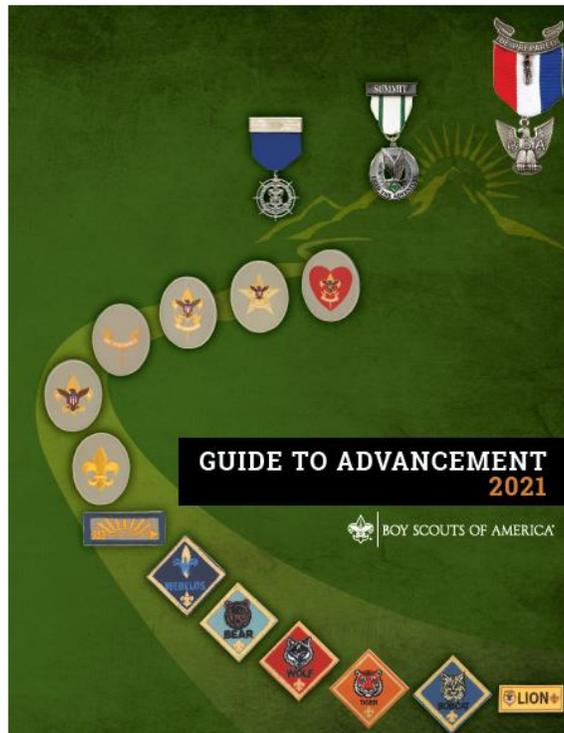
View or download it at:

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>

At this time, it does not appear the GTA2021 will be made available for purchase.

The current edition of the Guide to Advancement is the official source for administering advancement in all Boy Scouts of America programs: Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouts. It replaces any previous BSA advancement manuals and previous editions of the Guide to Advancement.

It is not meant to be read cover to cover. Instead, it is organized and indexed so you can find answers to your advancement questions quickly. In addition, the PDF document is easily searchable.



The Guide to Advancement has been updated for 2021 to reflect changes to programs, requirements, and policies. Changes come from a team of national-level professionals and volunteers. Many of the new changes are the result of frequently asked questions that the National Advancement Program Team is answering through new policies or procedures. Almost every section of this guide has received some minor or major revisions since the last edition. Please take careful note of the significant changes listed in topic 1.0.3.0 on page 7.

As Councils take a more active role as it relates to advancement administration, it was necessary that the Guide to Advancement clarify many topics.

It is important that all council, district, and unit Scouters who have an active role in advancement become familiar with this resource.

GLOBAL SCOUTS KITCHEN JAMBOREE (GSKJ) REGISTRATION IS OPEN

The Global Scouts Kitchen Jamboree (GSKJ) registration is LIVE! The BSA International Committee is sponsoring this event which will be held from August 6th to 8th, 2021. The event will be entirely virtual. Scouts can register for the event with their parent's permission here:

<https://gskj.world/index.php/registration-english>

More information about the program and requirements to be completed can be found at the following links:

<https://gskj.world/index.php/food-and-beverage-requirement>

<https://gskj.world/index.php/cultural-and-camp-fire-requirement>

The BSA International Committee is excited to invite Scouts from all over the world to participate in this event. If you have any questions, please contact the GSKJ team at info@gskj.world. Participants are also encouraged to join the GSKJ Facebook group at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/globalscoutskitchenjamboree>.

A WARNING TO UNITS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF HAZARDOUS TREES

An increasing number of incidents have been reported related to Hazardous Trees. Hazard trees include:

- Dead trees.
- Live trees with dying parts.
- Live trees that are unstable.

Even when weather conditions are favorable, hazard trees need to be cleared and removed from the area. Please assess facilities for hazard trees that could affect our Scouting community.



If hazardous trees can't be removed, ensure the campsite is set up out of the fall radius. The fall radius on flat ground is 1½ times the height of the tree or tree part that could fail. Sloping ground could increase the danger zone.

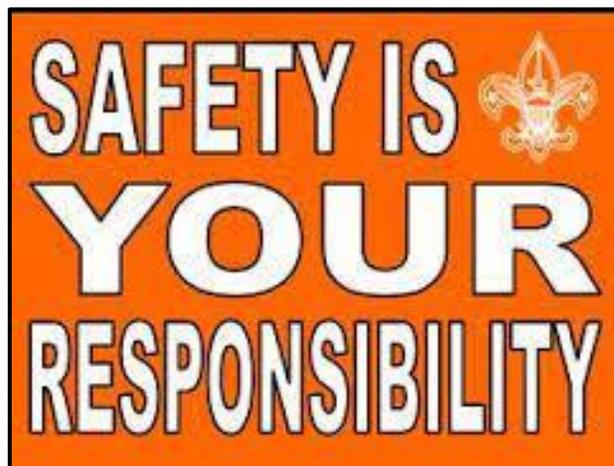
Safety Moment on Hazard Trees:

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/hazard-trees/>

BE SURE TO USE SAFETY MOMENTS FOR YOUR LEADERS AS WELL AS YOUR YOUTH

Did you know we have Safety Moments for Scouting? Yes, 95 of them!

Safety Moments are exactly what the name implies: opportunities to prepare for an activity, review safety measures and report incidents correctly. Topics of this series include [Campfire Safety](#), [Safe Use of Medication in Scouting](#), [Weather-Related Safety](#), [Winter Sports](#), and [Generator Safety](#). The Safety Moments landing page is found at:



<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/#:~:text=Safety%20Moments%20are%20exactly%20what,winter%20activity%2C%20and%20winter%20sports>.

The Environmental, Health, and Safety team suggests using a Safety Moment at the start of each meeting or activity. Check out the Safety Moment on [Using a Safety Moment in Scouting](#). It takes less

than 3 minutes to deliver a Safety Moment to your staff, troop, or crew. Boy Scouts of America's Safety Moments make it easy to deliver a [SAFE](#) program.

With so many Safety Moments available, let's look at most popular Safety Moments of 2021:

[Annual Health and Medical Record](#)

[Prohibited Activities](#)

[Scouting's Barriers to Abuse](#)

[Incident Reporting Helps](#)

[Communicable Disease Prevention](#)

A Safety Moment that provides the up-to-the-minute safety information for Scouts and Scouters is the [Scouting Safety Online Resources](#).

We are continually updating and producing Safety Moments for Scouting. If you have a Safety Moment suggestion, contact the [Environmental, Health, and Safety Team](#)

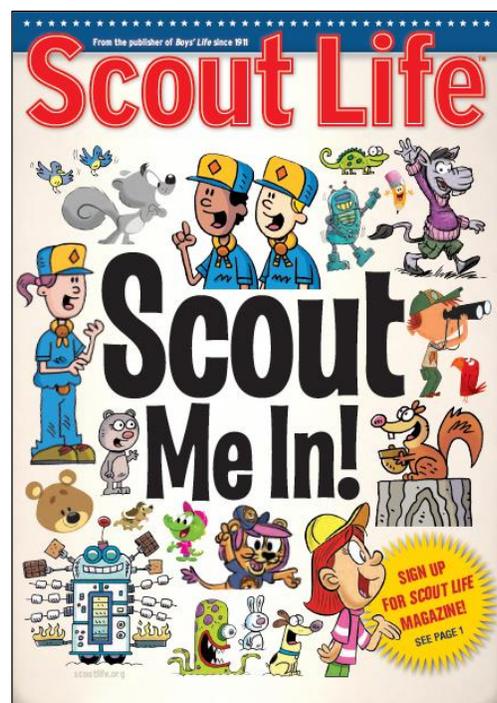
WELCOME TO THE 2021-2022 SCOUT LIFE MINI-MAG

Below you'll find links to the all-digital *Scout Life* mini-magazine.

What is *Scout Life* mini-mag? It's all you need to know about joining Cub Scouting and subscribing to *Scout Life* magazine. As the BSA's official youth magazine, *Scout Life* helps Scouts succeed in the program and in life. Whether they need leadership tips, support on issues like bullying, or just some great stories and jokes, Scouts will find it all inside *Scout Life*.

Parents! Share the mini-mag with your kids. Read with them. Learn with them. Laugh with them. [Subscribe to Scout Life here for just \\$12 per year.](#)

Scout leaders! The *Scout Life* mini-mag recruiting tool is available in a digital format. Read the mini-mag online or download and print it. *Scout Life* magazine helps your Scouting unit, and your Scouts excel. Research shows that boys and girls who subscribe advance further and stay in Scouting longer than those who don't.



Here are some tips to get the most out of your mini-mag and recruit more youth:

- Get mini-mags into the hands of your unit membership chairs for distribution at Scout nights, kid talks, craft fairs, field days or other community events.
- Offer a mini-mag or two to current Cub Scouts and older Scouts, encouraging them to share it with non-Scouting friends.
- Use the mini-mag in addition to your recruitment fliers for a stronger marketing effort.
- Keep a cache of mini-mags in the council office and with each district and unit membership chair or district executive to use in recruiting throughout the year.
- Make sure all your youth subscribe to *Scout Life*, the magazine that has been proven to help youth advance and to increase retention of members.

Download your new mini-mag here:

- For on-screen viewing: https://scoutlife.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/BLMiniMag2021_ScreenViewing.pdf
- For a version you can print at home: https://scoutlife.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/BLMiniMag2021_PersonalPrinting.pdf
- For a version to send to a print shop: https://scoutlife.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/BLMiniMag2021_ProfessionalPrinting.pdf

SCOUTBOOK INTRODUCES A FASTER WAY TO TRACK YOUR SCOUTS' PROGRESS

Recording service hours and camping nights just got easier. The Scoutbook team has introduced Activity Logs.

Scoutbook, the Boy Scouts of America's online tool for tracking Scouting advancement, is continuously improving, adding more features to help you save time, stay connected and enhance your Scouting experience.

With this update, unit leaders can easily add multiple registered youth and adults in the same activity entry. Parents and their youth will also be able to make updates through the [Scouting app](#) or Internet Advancement, whichever works best for them. All recorded service hours will automatically count toward journey to Excellence too. Personal activities can still be privately recorded and, similar to advancements, be submitted to unit leaders for review and approval.

(Scoutbook has always been able to log Community Service, Hikes, Campouts (since before BSA bought Scoutbook). They just migrated it from Scoutbook and onto Internet Advancement, and made it much, much easier to enter multiple participants at a time.)

Watch how this feature works here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GT4fvG5_5GI&t=11s

Aspects that are going away include the Good Turn for America service hours website. Councils can still use the Good Turn for America tools for entering Eagle Scout service project hours and Exploring service hours.

Previously recorded logs on service, camping and activities have been migrated to the new logs; Scoutbook users will be redirected to Internet Advancement to access them.

For more on the new activity logs and how to record activities, go to:

<https://help.scoutbook.scouting.org/knowledge-base/activitylogs/>

UNIT RECOGNITIONS FROM THE COUNCIL RECOGNITION DINNER

Fair Share—Gold Level

Troop 7B	Christian Fellowship Ministries Inc., Kingston
Troop 7G	Christian Fellowship Ministries Inc., Kingston
Troop 43	American Legion Post #983, Catskill
Troop 131B	Saxton Fire Company Inc., Saxton
Troop T135	Glasco Fire Company Inc., Glasco

Fair Share - Silver Level

Pack 28	United Methodist Church, Ellenville
Pack 42	American Legion Post #291, Greenville
Pack 45	American Legion Post 166, Coxsackie
Pack 95	Rotary of Southern Ulster, Plattekill
Troop 8	Sawkill Volunteer Fire Company Inc. Sawkill
Troop 16	Reformed Church, Marbletown
Troop 17	Rosendale Tillson American Legion Post #1219, Tillson
Troop 20	Lions Club, Hurley
Troop 26	Reformed Church, Port Ewen
Troop 28	United Methodist Church, Ellenville
Troop 36	St Mary of The Snow RC Church, Saugerties
Troop 42	American Legion Post #291, Greenville
Troop 45	American Legion Post #166, Coxsackie
Troop 76	Hook Ladder and Hose, Wallkill
Troop 163	Wittenberg Sportsmen's Club Inc., Woodstock
Troop 172	Reformed Church, New Paltz
Troop 195	Memorial United Methodist Church, Modena

Fair Share

Highest Average per Scout

Algonquin District	Mohican District
Pack 28	Pack 45
Pack 95	
Troop 7B	Troop 131B
Ship 609	

Highest Unit Total

Algonquin District	Mohican District
Pack 28	Pack 42
Troop 7B	Troop 42
Ship 609	

Friends of Scouting

Highest Average per Scout

Algonquin District	Mohican District
Pack 95	Pack 45
Troop 7B	Troop 131B

Friends of Scouting

Highest Unit Total

Algonquin District	Mohican District
Pack 95	Pack 42
Troop 7B	Troop 42

Popcorn Sales

Total Amount Sold

Algonquin District	Mohican District
Pack 70	Pack 42
Troop 16	Troop 43

Bowl-a-thon

Total Amount Raised

Algonquin District
Troop 16

Mohican District
Troop 36

Candy Sale

Total Amount Sold

Algonquin District
Pack 70
Troop 16
Ship 609

Mohican District
Pack 42
Troop 45

Discount Card

Total Amount Sold

Algonquin District
Pack 70
Troop 7G

Mohican District
Pack 54
Troop 135

Scouting For Food participation

Pack 16	Troop 20
Pack 42	Troop 28
Pack 95	Troop 42
Pack 103	Troop 43
Pack 272	Troop 76
Troop 7	Troop 163
Troop 8	Troop 172
Troop 16	Troop 195
Troop 17	

Advancement

Highest Percentage Advancement

Algonquin District
Pack 73
Troop 70

Mohican District
Pack 43
Troop 36



Congratulations!
Silver Beaver Award Recipient

Danny Zayas, Sr.

Danny grew up in Brooklyn. As a youth he was a member of Troop 182, chartered to St. Agatha Roman Catholic Church in the Sunset Park neighborhood. Danny stayed two years and decided Scouting wasn't for him. He left for a year, came back, earned his Eagle rank, and aged out in 1993. Danny stayed on as an Assistant Scoutmaster for 5 years having many great experiences along the way including a trip to Alaska.

He ended up coming to the area to attend college and never left. Danny attended SUNY New Paltz. He initially had planned to go into law enforcement and had hoped for a career with the NYPD. Unfortunately, an injury to his knee ended that decision for him. He then decided to change his major and earned degrees in Secondary Education and Geology. He later earned his Master's Degree in Educational Studies.

Danny is currently a teacher at Cornwell Central High School in Orange County. He teaches several classes including Earth Science, Astronomy, Environmental Science and Weather. While a teacher, he was also elected to become the president of the teacher's union and is currently serving the union on both the Grievances Committee and the Contract Negotiations Committee. He has also served as a member of the Wallkill Public Library Board.

Danny is a parent as well. When his son, Danny, joined Cub Scouts Pack 76 in Wallkill he returned to Scouting as an Assistant Cubmaster and eventually became Cubmaster from 2014 to 2018. He has continued to support the Troops where his son has been active. He is currently serving as an Assistant Scoutmaster and Advancement Coordinator for Troop 195 at the Modena United Methodist Church where his son is a Life Scout. Young Danny should be earning his Eagle Scout rank this fall.

It is no surprise that Danny did not limit himself to his involvement with the local Pack and Troop. Danny has been active at the District level serving as the Cub Roundtable Commissioner and the Scout Roundtable Commissioner. He has also served on the council's Cub Promotions Committee and as an instructor for the Council Advancement Committee.

Danny has been very active in his service to Camp Tri-Mount. He volunteered as support staff from 2015-2017, helping setup and manage the merit badge tracking through Tentaroo. In 2018 he served as the STEM Director and still did all the merit badge tracking. In 2019 he served as the Assistant Program Director, working with the Staff to properly track advancements and inventories.

In response to the camp closure from COVID, Danny became the 2020 Program Director for the online summer camp program with Hudson Valley Counsel spending hundreds of hours setting up the online



program. He has continued in that position in 2021 – and is hoping he can be Program Director in 2022 Resident Camp.

He was inducted in the Order of the Arrow in 2020 and completed his Brotherhood this past June.

He has received numerous training awards including the Scouters Training Award, Cubmaster's Key, Unit Leader Award of Merit, and the Stumpy Tremper Award for being the Council Subject matter expert on Scoutbook.

Danny can look back over the years of service he has provided to Scouting and the community and be proud of what he has accomplished.



Congratulations!
Silver Beaver Award Recipient

Lawrence C. “Larry” Yarter, Sr.

It seems Scouting has always been a part of Larry's life.

He joined the Cub Scouts in Dutchess County, and earned Wolf, Bear & Lion. Larry became a Boy Scout in Dutchess County and continued when his family moved to Ulster County. Unfortunately, the Troop in Tillson folded and there was no nearby Troop to join.

Larry's oldest son joined the Cub Scouts in the early 1970s and shortly after he joined the Cubmaster of the pack quit. Larry's wife, Juanita,

asked if he would fill in until they could find someone. Supposedly that would happen within a month or so, 5 1/2 years later he finally got someone to take over as Cubmaster. While Cubmaster, he took Wood Badge and successfully



completed the course. That course was conducted during a hurricane and was an eye-opening experience for Larry.

Larry joined Troop 17 in Tillson in 1976 as a Committee Member. He was the troop's Family Friends of Scouting chair for two years and then took on the fundraising for the district for a couple years. Fundraising is a tough sell for many, one that Larry never gave up on.

Larry continued to serve in Scouting in various capacities. He joined the Commissioner staff and served as the Roundtable Commissioner for both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

He indicates that this was only possible because Juanita did most of the Cub Scout meetings. Larry and Juanita went on to provide training sessions for a couple years with help from other Scouters.

Juanita and Larry were also Explorer Post Advisors together. They took over an Explorer Post for about 3 years. Working with a co-ed post had some challenges but together, they enjoyed the challenge. The two also took 14 co-ed youth to Philmont and hiked about 100 miles after adding some stops to the itinerary. Their Ranger did not think they would make it, but they all did!

Juanita and Larry saw both their sons make Eagle and get several palms. It was a good feeling for them both. Traveling with Scouts has always been a highlight for Larry. They took the Explorers to Washington twice and stayed at Fort Belvoir. It was necessary for the Post to sleep out in tents because it was a co-ed group. They took the Cub Scout Pack to Fort Ticonderoga to see Scouts off for the trek to Boston. There were numerous campouts with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts over the years. Larry was able to do preliminary planning for trail hikes in Boston, Washington, Philadelphia, and the Washington Headquarters Trail in New Jersey.

More recently, Larry is best known for his role as Eagle Chairman. A position he accepted in the 1980s and held until the end of 2019. Larry and Juanita were pretty much consumed by Scouting for a lot of years. Together they made a difference in our community, for themselves, for their sons and for a lot of youth along the way.

Larry can look back over the years of service he has provided to Scouting and can feel good knowing he has made a lasting difference.





BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
NATIONAL COUNCIL

July 26, 2021

Dear Valued Chartered Partner:

We write to you to first say thank you for your support of the Scouting Movement. Millions of young men and women have passed through the doors of chartered partners like yours over the years, and our joint mission to serve them has helped countless youth grow spiritually, mentally, and physically, preparing them for life.

About the BSA's Chapter 11 Case

Our two objectives in filing for bankruptcy were to equitably compensate survivors of past abuse and to continue the mission of Scouting. We understand there has been confusion, misinformation, and trepidation surrounding the Boy Scouts of America (BSA)'s Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Due to the rules regarding mediation and the positions of other constituents in the bankruptcy case (including abuse claimants and insurers), the BSA has been constrained in its ability to effectively engage with other parties, including our chartered partners. Now, however, having reached a comprehensive settlement with the Tort Claimants' Committee, the Coalition of Abused Scouts for Justice, the Future Claimants' Representative, our local councils, the Unsecured Creditors' Committee, and our secured lender (JPMorgan Chase), our priority is to address your concerns and share additional information with you about the terms of the settlement and our path to a successful emergence from bankruptcy.

The success of the BSA's bankruptcy case depends in part on the extent to which the BSA can bring chartered partners into the settlement framework. This has always been a key part of our restructuring strategy, and it remains so today. The terms of the BSA's settlement with abuse survivor representatives commits the parties to explore in good faith a protocol for incorporating chartered partners into the settlement. It is also critical to our local councils that we ensure the continued support of our chartered partners. In fact, local councils' agreements to contribute to the Settlement Trust to compensate survivors are expressly conditioned upon an appropriate resolution of potential claims against chartered organizations. In sum, the BSA and its local councils are closely focused on chartered partners, and favorably resolving issues that impact you is the next critical step in achieving a global resolution of past abuse in Scouting.

About the Rights of Our Chartered Partners

We also want to provide a few clarifying points about insurance and the BSA's Chapter 11 plan of reorganization. Since 1976, the BSA has included chartered organizations as insureds under its shared insurance program as agreed to in the annual charter agreement. The BSA and local councils have agreed to assign their insurance rights to the Settlement Trust under the BSA's plan of reorganization. With respect to the rights of chartered organizations under the insurance program, the BSA and its advisors are exploring several alternatives, including conditioning the release of such insurance rights on the receipt of some measure of protection against certain abuse-related claims. We will keep your organization updated on the status of these negotiations as they continue to progress.

The current plan of reorganization also contains an important measure of protection for chartered organizations. Specifically, claimants who opt to receive expedited payments from the Settlement Trust will be required to release all chartered organizations from liability. We anticipate that a significant portion of claimants will take that option. As noted above, our attorneys and advisors are continuing to focus on other strategies to resolve potential claims against chartered organizations, including releases and a channeling injunction for claims where the chartered organization is alleged to have done nothing more than charter the unit.

We also understand that some organizations have concerns regarding liability in connection with the sponsorship of Scouting units. Since March 1, 2019, the BSA's shared insurance program includes liability insurance without any deductible or self-insured retainage. There is no exclusion for sexual molestation in the policy. The insurance provides coverage for all Scouting activities with an aggregate amount of primary and excess liability insurance of over \$100million. Local councils also provide excess liability insurance for volunteers engaged in Scouting activities, and the BSA's insurance tower provides additional excess coverage.

About the Path Forward

Over the last thirty years, the BSA has implemented training and policies designed to keep youth safe and minimize risk of abuse by prohibiting one-on-one interaction in any form between leaders and youth members. Our youth protection training is cutting edge, and we recently expanded the training available for youth and young adults through our relationship with the Barbara Sinatra Foundation. While one case of abuse is too many, the BSA's efforts in protecting youth have worked as evidenced by (1) the relatively few incidents of abuse occurring in Scouting since the implementation of modern youth protection procedures, and (2) that the lag time from incident to reporting has been reduced dramatically.

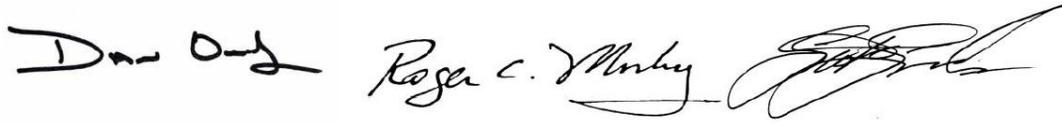
In regards to our Chapter 11 case, the mediators in the BSA's bankruptcy have scheduled a mediation session in New York City for August 3-5 solely for the purpose of addressing chartered organizations. If your organization has not already done so, we encourage you to have your representative communicate with our lead litigation attorney, Michael Andolina of White and Case, mandolina@whitecase.com to discuss the mediation and your organization's opportunity to gain more information and potentially participate in the mediation process. We do not expect chartered organizations should necessarily be asked to contribute funds to the Settlement Trust to compensate survivors merely because they chartered units, but what other exposure you may have and the terms and conditions under which potential claims can or will be resolved is something we encourage you to explore further.

The BSA is also exploring options for chartered organizations willing to provide meeting space or other support for Scout units, but who do not want to serve as chartered organizations. The BSA wants every youth to have the opportunity to have a safe, positive Scouting experience. Doing so requires that units have safe places to meet and vetted, trained leaders. While we believe chartering Scout units provides many positive benefits for our chartered organizations, our mission is to make Scouting available to all youth. If your organization is concerned with continuing as a chartered organization, we urge you to speak to your council Scout Executive or to e-mail the BSA's Director of Council Services at wendy.kurten@scouting.org. Working together, we are confident that we will be able to meet your organization's needs while ensuring that every youth has the opportunity to be a Scout in their local community.

These have been difficult times, and we are certainly dealing with difficult issues. The Scouting program is safer than ever. Our nation's youth need the opportunities provided by Scouting now more

than ever. We hope you will continue our relationship so together we can meet the needs of those youth, their families, and all the communities we serve.

Yours in Scouting, Boy Scouts of America, National Key 3



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