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Dear Scout Parent,

We hope you and your child are having a blast this summer in Scouting in the post COVID environment, including summer camp, pack spring campouts, regattas, pinewood derby, hikes, fishing, archery, BB gun and more coming up this fall. As a Scout, your son or daughter will learn valuable life skills, build confidence and character, all while positively making an impact in our communities and making lifelong friends; all while having fun.

Scouting's highest priority is to create a safe environment for all who participate. Scouting helps to keep your child safe through several layers of protection including regularly updated Youth Protection Training and Criminal background checks for all Leaders. See the reverse for more details about how we can all help to keep Scouts safe.

More now than ever before we need your help in sharing the rewarding experience of Scouting with other families and friends in our communities. Check out the events that Dan Beard Council has planned for Scouting, along with your Pack's activities. There are also ways to share your experience with the programs with others on social media. Help spread the good message of how rewarding Scouting is and how much of a positive impact it has on our communities.

Sincerely,

Tim Hague

Dan Beard Council Join Scout Night Chair

Next Steps in your Scouting Adventures in Dan Beard Council!

- 1** **Mark your calendar** and check out the included Scouting Activities flyer for fun events like the ones to the right this fall.
- 2** Next, help spread the word about fun adventures you are having in Scouting! Check out the #ScoutSHARE Day & Contest flyer enclosed for details about how your family can **win cool prizes** just by sharing your Scout spirit!



Cub-O-Ree



Spook-O-Ree



Archery, Camping & More!

Participate in Scouting with your Friends - Spread the Word!

Scouts Have **MORE FUN** When Their Friends Join Scouting!

The #1 Way New Families Join **SCOUTING** Is By Being **INVITED!**

Sign Up Boys & Girls In Cub Scouts throughout **SEPTEMBER**

For Details, Visit **GoCubScouts.com** Or Call **513.577.7700**

Did You Know?



Last year alone, local Scouts officially recorded

78,524

service hours on community service projects for local communities in Southwest Ohio & Northern Kentucky



Prior Scouts are

55%

more likely than non-Scouts to have held a **leadership position** at their workplace and

76%

more likely than non-Scouts to have held a leadership position in their local community.



Long-term Scouts are nearly

2X

as likely as non-scouts to graduate from college or pursue a skilled trade.



HOW SCOUTING PROTECTS YOUR CHILD

THE DAN BEARD COUNCIL, BSA TAKES ALL THE POSSIBLE STEPS TO CREATE & MAINTAIN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL



PARENTS

of Scouts, our top priority is to ensure a healthy and safe experience for your Scout. That involves awareness of age-appropriate program activities, understanding of personal boundaries, and knowing what appropriate behaviors are in Scouting. The policies, resources, and information provided below are meant to help raise your awareness about Scouting's Health & Safety policies, as well as about many forms of abuse, how to recognize it, and how to report it. Research indicates one of the best deterrents against child abuse is an open and continuous conversation between parents and their children. The following information is offered to help your family establish and maintain a safe environment. This information can also empower you to stop abuse and seek the necessary help. Child abuse might be a subject we'd rather not talk about, but we must. Your child and every child is that important. Together, you and your program leader must work together to ensure all Youth Protection (YP) and Health and Safety policies are understood and followed. It is part of the BSA's commitment to create safe environments for all youth. The Centers for Disease Control refers to child abuse as a public health epidemic. The BSA is committed to investing resources and engaging top experts to end all forms of child abuse and maltreatment.

SCOUTING IS SAFER NOW THAN EVER BEFORE

~90%
OF PENDING AND
ASSERTED ABUSE CLAIMS
are related to abuse from 30+ years ago

EFFECTIVE
BARRIERS
TO ABUSE
shown below

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THE BSA'S BARRIER TO ABUSE

Our goal in the BSA is to create and maintain a safe environment. These policies are helpful for anyone who works with children who are not theirs, and not just in Scouting. The BSA has some of the strongest barriers to child abuse found in any youth-serving organization today (shown below).

LEADER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

The chartered organization representative must approve the registration of the unit's adult leaders. Registration includes completion of application, criminal background check, mandatory YP training and Volunteer Screening Database check. YP is updated regularly.

ADULT SUPERVISION

Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings. A registered female adult leader is required for units serving females.

RESPONSIBILITY

Adult leaders and youth members share the responsibility for the safety of all participants, including adherence to Youth Protection and Health and Safety policies.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Separate accommodations for adult males and females and youth males and females are required whether it is tenting, lodging cabin accommodations, or shower and latrine facilities.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The BSA has set specific program requirements in order to maintain consistent safety measures to protect youth. A few of these include 'the buddy system; open observation by parents and leaders; and required review of YP materials in handbook for rank advancement.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Adult leaders and youth members have a responsibility to recognize, respond to, and report YP violations and abuse. All persons involved in BSA programs must report any instance of child abuse to local law enforcement or child protective services.

SPEAKING WITH A CHILD WHO DISCLOSES OR INDICATES ABUSE

When speaking with a child who discloses or indicates abuse, your role is to become the trusted adult. A trusted adult is someone with whom a child can talk freely about their feelings and who provides healthy support.

CHECK OUT THESE OTHER BSA SAFETY RESOURCES



GUIDE TO SAFE SCOUTING

An overview of Scouting policies and procedures, gleaned from a variety of sources & designed to make the program safer.



INCLUSION

Scouting brings together all youth to participate in programs that teach the Scout Oath & Law, develop character, citizenship, and fitness.



BULLYING AWARENESS

When a Scout follows the principles of the Scout Oath & Scout Law, bullying & hazing situations should never occur.



cyberCHIP

To help families and volunteers keep youth safe while online, the BSA introduced the Cyber Chip tool.

Learn More About Youth Protection: DanBeard.org/Youth-Protection-Training