



Dear Scouting Family,

We are writing today to provide you with additional information on recent news about the financial restructuring of the national organization of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) located near Dallas, Texas. Earlier today, the national organization of the Boy Scouts of America announced a managed Chapter 11 financial restructuring to achieve two key objectives: equitably compensate victims who were harmed during their time in Scouting and continue to carry out Scouting's mission for years to come. This is consistent with the information we shared in prior communications and during our Fireside Chat community meetings this past summer.

Only the national organization has filed for Chapter 11, not the Dan Beard Council. As we discussed at our Fireside Chats, **our council remains an independently governed and locally funded nonprofit organization that is separate and distinct from the national organization.** Dan Beard Council is strong and vibrant here locally and there is no scenario under consideration in which our council would file for a Chapter 11 financial restructuring. Your regular unit meetings, Dan Beard Council events & activities, summer camp, and all other Scouting adventures will continue as usual. Also, please be assured that your Friends of Scouting (FOS) and other annual donations will continue to be used to directly support local youth and to provide the safest, highest quality Scouting programs in our local communities. Our local Board of Directors is keeping a pulse on the developments of the national organization in Texas, but in the meantime, the Dan Beard Council is excited about the future of Scouting in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. We remain as committed as ever to supporting our dedicated volunteers and Scouting families with a program of character building, citizenship training, and leadership development that instills values for a lifetime.

Our resolve to keep youth safe is paramount and our commitment is unwavering. As we shared at the Fireside Chat community meetings, the national office has recently faced increasing financial pressure from litigation involving past abuse in Scouting. One instance of abuse is one too many. We are heartbroken that any child was ever harmed during their time in Scouting, and we are outraged that there have been times when individuals took advantage of BSA programs to abuse innocent children. Although 90% of these cases date back before 1987, some as far back as 1941, they are surfacing now due to recent changes in numerous states' statute of limitations laws. Over many years, the BSA has developed some of the strongest expert-informed youth protection policies found in any youth-serving organization. From mandatory youth protection training and background checks to policies like no one-on-one interaction between youth and adults, and mandatory reporting of any suspected abuse, our volunteers and employees take youth protection policies and procedures extremely seriously. Dan Beard Council has been and will continue to be vigilant in keeping our youth safe as they learn, grow, and thrive in a program designed to bring out their very best.

Thank you for your ongoing support and participation in our Scouting programs. We know you will likely have questions about things you will see in the news. Dan Beard Council has created a helpful page at www.danbeard.org/CurrentEvents where you will find a short video explaining what Chapter 11 means for Scouting, FAQ's, and additional resources. National has also posted information about the restructuring on a dedicated website, www.BSArestructuring.org.

Additional Youth Protection Resources

- **Link to Fireside Chat materials, local contacts, and resources:** www.danbeard.org/youthprotection
- **Scouts First Helpline: (1-844-SCOUTS1) and (scouts1st@scouting.org):** <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/scouts-first-helpline/>
- **Learn more about youth protection or take youth protection training:** <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>
- **Dan Beard Council Resource Page:** www.danbeard.org/CurrentEvents
- **National Restructuring website:** www.BSArestructuring.org