

THE CHURCH OF
JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Poway California Stake
15750 Bernardo Heights Pkwy
San Diego, California

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Dear Poway Stake Family,

The LDS Church was the first U.S. organization to sponsor the Scouting movement. The First Presidency officially adopted the Boy Scouts of America as the activity arm of the Aaronic Priesthood in 1913. Since that time the First Presidency has continued to emphasize that the ideals of Scouting Reinforce the principles of truth taught to our young men in the Aaronic Priesthood program. President Monson has set an example as a lifelong Scouter who is serving the longest tenure as a leader on Scouting's National Board of Directors.

With you, we fully support the First Presidency that Scouting is the activity arm of the Aaronic Priesthood program. We are blessed with many excellent Scout leaders in our wards and Stake who devote much time and personal sacrifice to see that Scouting activities are carried out in a manner that blesses the lives of each young man. We are grateful for their support.

February is Scout Month and the beginning of Scouting's second century. It has been designated as our annual BSA Friends of Scouting (FOS) drive, in which we as a Stake are asked to raise our fair share to support the Council. These funds are used to provide a wide range of services. These services include recognition awards for the boys, summer camp facilities, training materials for adult leaders, a professionally trained staff that works full time for the Council on our behalf.

It takes \$180 per year to provide services for each and every Boy Scout and \$1/day (\$365 per year) would cover the cost to support two boys. If you can do even more, please know that your gift will do great good for our young men at a time when Scouting especially needs our support. If another amount better meets your current circumstances, we understand and we are thankful for any amount you feel you can give. Every amount helps! Your contribution is tax deductible and entirely voluntary. Many employers match gifts, so please let your FOS chairman know if yours might.

You can use the donor card that will be given to you to give using a credit card. You can designate any date for your gift or you can spread your donation over the year to make it more convenient. Or you can make a check out to the San Diego / Imperial Council, Boy Scouts of America. Your FOS Chairman or designated members in your ward will be contacting you soon to receive your contribution. They will provide you with the donor card and a brochure explaining more about Friends of Scouting.

As your Stake Presidency, we are grateful for your support, not only in Scouting, but in all other areas of church activity. May God bless you in all your righteous endeavors.

Sincerely,



The Poway California Stake Presidency