

A message from the Scout Executive/ CEO



Rainbow Council
Boy Scouts of America

Prepared for Life

I hope you and your family had a very happy holiday season! The Scouting program is strong and relevant because of our diverse backgrounds. Each of us bring different skills and fresh perspectives to support the program and our Scouts. Our goal continues to be to give our youth the skills and tools to be successful in life. As we kick off a new year and decade, I want to thank you for all you did for our Scouts and Council in 2019. Every one of us played a crucial part in the success of our Council and our Scouts. As you know, we faced many external challenges last year that made each of our jobs a little bit harder. This was compounded by the National Council raising the registration fee in October. However,

- Eighty-seven of our scouts earned the rank of eagle.
- As a council, we collected over 120,000 pounds of food to help replenish our local food
- Our Scouts gave back to the community through service projects.
- Our Scouts earned 4,485 merit badges this year.
- We organized and welcomed 12 Scouts BSA girl's troops to the Council.
- Over 350 girls and their families joined our Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA Programs.
- Our activities continue to grow and get better each year.
- Summer programs continue to grow.
- 1,273 of our Cub Scouts advanced in rank this year.
- We continue to make improvements to all our properties.

This year will be just as challenging or more than last. Because of this, I am asking for your continued support. As many of you have probably heard, the National Council has authorized each local Council the authority to charge its youth members an additional \$60.00 program fee. Many Councils around the country have taken advantage of this and will be charging their members the additional funds this year. Our Board and staff have decided that now is not the time to implement this additional fee. However, we are counting on your continued generosity through the Friends of Scouting Campaign. The Board and staff will continue working to keep Because of you and the other volunteers in the council we will continue to do what we do best in 2020, provide quality programs to our Scouts.

Happy New Year,

Ted Karns
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