



Dear Scouting Family:

Scouting is still the value-based program that attracted families over 118 years ago yet transformational to meet the needs of today's youth. With the adoption of the Lion's program, kindergarten age youth can join Scouting at an earlier age than ever before. Youth in grades three to 12 can experience the fun of Scouting while exploring science, technology, engineering and math through STEM Scouts. Young men and women are encouraged to discover their future career in law enforcement, health care, the trades and much more with the Exploring program. And, beginning this fall, young girls may now join in the fun of Cub Scouting.

Scouting truly has something for the whole family! Our goal is to ensure that we are prepared to offer the very best of Scouting to all families in northern New Jersey. This begins with confirming with each chartered partner what programs they wish to offer and establish what support they need to provide each program.

To ensure that chartered partners that wish to serve girls in the Cub Scout program are prepared to begin offering this program in the fall, the following plan has been put into place.

- Each Institutional Head from existing Cub Scout packs will be receiving a letter in the mail discussing the option to serve girls. The letter will be copied to the Chartered Organization Representative.
- Each Institutional Head will be asked to complete a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining requirements to open their Cub Scout pack to serve girls. On the MOU, the Institutional Head has the option to either accept girls in the program or share that they are not prepared at this time to do so.
- A member of the Northern New Jersey Council professional staff will follow up with each Institutional Head to review the letter and MOU sent to them in the mail.
- An orientation will be held at the June 12th Program Launch outlining steps to roll out the Cub Scout program for the whole family. Information will also be shared on the February 2019 roll out of Scouting programs for older girls.

Family Scouting program orientations will be held during the Council Program Launch on June 12, 2018 at Paramus Catholic High School, 425 Paramus Road, Paramus, New Jersey.

Look forward to seeing everyone on June 12th at the Council Program Launch!

Yours in Scouting,

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