BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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An e-newsletter filled with news and information for our Scouts, Scouters and the Scouting community

Dear Scouters,

As a child, I had the opportunity to watch my parents work and struggle every day to make a better life for themselves and for me as well. I learned a number of lessons from them along the way. I would like to share just a few of them with you:

Do what is right, not what is easy.
Hard work never hurt anyone.
Never give up.

The Scouting program depends on the active engagement of volunteers. The vast majority of those volunteers currently have or have had youth in the program. Youth are the life blood of Scouting. Without youth, we have no volunteers. Without youth, we have no purpose.

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There is over a century of documented proof that Scouting has a positive and permanent impact on youth's lives. This is reason enough to want our children to become Scouts. Unfortunately, without a connection to Scouting, thousands miss the opportunity to have a Scouting experience in their youth.

Let's ALL organize ourselves to recruit more youth into the Scouting program. Don't assume someone else is responsible for that in the unit. Confirm who is responsible for recruitment and offer assistance.

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Membership is vital to unit health. A steady stream of new youth and active parents are necessary for an exciting and engaging Scouting experience. Successful units are decades old and have served thousands of youth. Larger units should be equally concerned with membership; a child should never be turned away.

Scouts can be referred to other local units or create a new unit as membership grows beyond capacity. The benefits of a Scouting Life are only limited when the opportunity to be involved in Scouting is limited.

We have a GREAT program! We also have a tendency to hide the program in church basements and in the woods. Let's show our communities the impact we have on the lives of youth. Let's get out of the basements and the woods and show people Scouting is alive and well.

Never give up.

It is OUR job to insure that every youth in the Council's area gets a Scouting opportunity and that our Scouts and units maintain a visible presence in our communities.

MORE YOUTH = MORE VOLUNTEERS = MORE FUN FOR ALL

Yours in Scouting,

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