



Mid-Iowa Council
Boy Scouts of America

Mid-Iowa Council Parents, Leaders, and Friends of Scouting:

Thank you for helping develop youth into leaders through the Boy Scouts of America. As a valued member of our Scouting family, our goal is to help you understand recent media coverage about the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Scouting is strong in Mid-Iowa Council, with more than 10,600 youth and 2,900 volunteer leaders served throughout 27 counties. Mid-Iowa Council is incorporated in the state Iowa and governed by an executive board that consist business leaders throughout central and southern Iowa. We are committed as ever to delivering a safe and impactful Scouting program in Mid-Iowa Council.

On February 16, 2020 National BSA filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. This Chapter 11 financial reorganization is at the National level and will have no affect at the local level in Mid-Iowa Council. Our Scouting programs will continue unaffected. The Boy Scouts of America wants to support victims and provide for them while continuing to deliver the Scouting program and experiences to millions of youth nationwide. This filing proposes a reorganization by National BSA to create a Victim's Compensation Fund. We are outraged there have been times when individuals took advantage of Scouting programs to abuse innocent children. One case of abuse is one too many. Nothing is more important than the safety and protection of our children.

- Over many years, the BSA has developed some of the strongest expert-informed youth protection policies found in any youth-serving organization including mandatory criminal background checks for all leaders, required training in youth protection, mandatory reporting, and two-deep leadership.
- Every instance of suspected abuse is reported to law enforcement.
- We are continually updating and sharing these best-in-class practices throughout our community.

This decision by National BSA will have no effect on Mid-Iowa Council Scouting.

- The Mid-Iowa Council is a 501(c)3 operating as a financially separate organization.
- All assets of the Mid-Iowa Council are owned and managed locally.
- Your annual support will continue to be used to fund programming for an ever-increasing number of youth.
- With your support, the Mid-Iowa Council will continue to deliver a safe and high-quality Scouting experience for more than 10,600 Scouts in Mid-Iowa Council.

We want to assure you **Scouting will continue to grow the leaders of tomorrow, today and into the future.**

If you have questions, please contact the Maytag Scout Center at (515) 266-2135 or go to www.scoutingiowa.org/YPT. Thank you for your support of Scouting.

Yours in Scouting,

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