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Dear Scouting Volunteers and Families,

The Boy Scouts of America offers our iconic character and leadership development program delivered through hands-on, high adventure, outdoor experiences that families and youth cannot find anywhere else. The BSA and the Pacific Skyline Council are committed to providing opportunities that challenge youth within a safe and secure environment to learn invaluable skills for life.

Changes to our funding model were well received in 2021 and will continue in 2022. We want to provide you as much notice as possible. Beginning in 2021 **the Pacific Skyline Council Board of Directors has decided to eliminate the traditional in-person Family Friends of Scouting (FOS) unit presentation campaign**. Historically, we have asked every family to make a donation of \$250 to cover most of the cost of Scouting for their child each year. However, the response to charitable giving programs across the country has been declining as family giving patterns have changed, making it critical to establish a more predictable process for raising funds.

We are committed to providing high quality programs for our volunteers and Scouts. Therefore, the Council will continue implementing a Program Fee and a "Good Turn Assessment" to fund program delivery in 2022. It is important to note that the Program Fee will again be included in all chartering fees for the next year. The Good Turn Assessment to Troops, Crews, and Ships will be due by May 31. Any unit that pays the assessment by January 31 will receive a Scout Shop gift card equivalent to 1% of the unit's assessment.

The best way for new members to join Scouting is by filling out an online application. This online service will prorate and collect the National Membership Fee and Program Fee for new members. Unit Key 3's can turn this service on at my.scouting.org.

A volunteer committee looked at many factors when determining the best path to move forward. COVID-19 has impacted our ability to raise funds, a trend we expect for the foreseeable future. The cost of doing business in California continues to steadily rise. Family giving habits have shifted in the last decade. Our board believes that as families invest in the program, they will be more active, and that an investment of less than \$22/month for each Scout will make your unit and the Council stronger. **In addition, our staff and district volunteers will have more time to support district and unit programs.**

We are forever committed to providing the finest resources, tools, facilities and customer service needed for our leaders to deliver a quality program to more youth. Our families deserve no less. We thank you for your current support of the Pacific Skyline Council as we work to continue our exciting and dynamic programs for the over 4,000 youth we serve. For questions regarding this fee, please contact your District Commissioner, District Chair, or your District Executive.

Yours in Scouting,

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