



BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS COUNCIL

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Blue Ridge Mountains Council Scouting Family,

As valued members of our Scouting community, we write to provide you with an update on the national organization of the BSA's financial restructuring and how the Blue Ridge Mountains Council is participating in the efforts to equitably compensate survivors and ensure the future of Scouting's vital mission. Specifically, we would like to share an update regarding local council contributions which will be used to compensate survivors.

Our Blue Ridge Mountains Council's Contribution:

As part of the Boy Scouts of America's financial restructuring, in the coming days, the specific amount each local council will make to help fund the Trust for survivors will be filed with the Court. These figures were determined through a combination of information filed in the claims process and what local councils could meaningfully contribute while ensuring Scouting can continue in their areas.

Our council participated in the process and our contribution was determined to be \$740,000 which will be comprised of a combination of cash and proceeds from the sale of assets. It is important to understand the Blue Ridge Mountains Council is legally separate and distinct from the national organization. Our camps, properties, and local donations are controlled by our council. It is our Board's decision how they are best used.

We share in the BSA's commitment to equitably compensate survivors of past abuse. We are carefully reviewing how we can fund our contribution to the compensation Trust while ensuring that Scouting can continue to serve youth, families, and communities in southwest Virginia for generations to come.

We will fund the contribution through a loan which will then be paid off with the sale of Camp Claytor Lake and timbering proceeds. Steps have already been taken to move this plan forward.

It is important to note that restricted donations can only be used for their designated purposes and are legally protected so that they are used as the donor specified. Local donations through Friends of Scouting (FOS) go straight to supporting Scouting in our local communities today. These donations are used in real time and are critical to maintaining local operations. Special event dollars also go directly to supporting Scouting in real time just like Friends of Scouting dollars. Such donations will not be used to fund this one-time obligation.

The BSA's Path Forward:

There is still much to be done to obtain approval from the Court to solicit survivors to vote for the BSA's amended Plan of Reorganization. However, the BSA is wholeheartedly committed to working toward a global resolution. The BSA intends to seek confirmation of the Plan this fall and conclude its financial restructuring around the end of this year. Efforts are under way to ensure our chartered partners are part of the plan. We have relied on this partnership for over a century, and it is key to our future success.

While this is an important step forward in the national organization's financial restructuring, we also want to take a moment to recognize the exciting things happening in our council. There has never been a better time to be a part of Scouting. Camp Powhatan and Claytor Lake camp operated this past summer, and the reviews were the best possible. This fall, we look forward to welcoming new members to our ranks. The current popcorn sale has already surpassed last year's sell. We have a potential to double last year's sell. These are the experiences that make Scouting so valuable and remind us to keep moving forward for your youth.

Thank you for your continued support of Scouting. If you have any other questions about the national organization's financial restructuring, please visit www.bsarestructuring.org.

Yours in Scouting,

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