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Dear Valued Supporter,

You may have recently heard that the national organization of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy to achieve two key objectives: equitably compensate victims who were harmed during their time in Scouting and continue to carry out Scouting’s mission for years to come.

I want to highlight important points that are most relevant to the Southeast Louisiana Council:

- **The Southeast Louisiana Council has not filed for bankruptcy.** Our Council is legally separate, distinct and financially independent from the national organization.
- **Scouting programs will continue.** This means that Scout meetings and activities, local Scouting events, other Scouting adventures and countless service projects will take place as usual. In short, we expect no changes to the local Scouting experience in our area.
- **Scouting is safer now than ever before.** Over many years, we’ve developed some of the strongest expert-informed youth protection policies found in any youth-serving organization. I can also assure you that our volunteers and employees take youth protection extremely seriously and do their part to help keep kids safe.
- **Restricted donations – past, present or future – can only be used for their designated purpose.** Friends of Scouting (FOS) and other annual donations made to our Council will continue to fund necessary day-to-day expenses that are critical to local Scouting programs. Your designated donation will only be used to fund the annual operations of the Southeast Louisiana Council and Salmen Scout Reservation.

While we do not anticipate the national organization’s bankruptcy filing will have any direct impact on the local Scouting experience or your involvement with our Council, I understand you may still have questions about these issues and things you will see in the news. To that end, the national organization has established a dedicated restructuring website, www.BSArestructuring.org.

Included in this letter is an infographic that shows the impact your donation has had this past year. If you have any questions about local Scouting, you can always feel free to reach out directly to any of us, or your usual contact within our Council, or our development team.

Through your engagement and dedication to Scouting, the Southeast Louisiana Council will continue to bring adventures, values, and lifelong benefits to youth and our communities for generations to come. Thank you for your trust and for your support as we continue this important mission.

Yours in Scouting,


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