



Fellow Scouters,

By now you have probably read or heard about the recent Wall Street Journal article speculating on the Boy Scouts of America's finances. We want to start by assuring you that Scouting remains strong in our second century. To address some of the questions and concerns we have been hearing, please review the following information on this matter. As always, if you have further questions please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss.

The most important fact is this: The Del-Mar-Va Council is a corporation separate from BSA and maintains its own 501(c)3 status. Business decisions made on this or any issue by BSA National will not impact the assets of the Del-Mar-Va Council – including donations made to our local programs.

BSA – the national organization – has an obligation to its members to remain strong. As such, they are exploring all options for best management of their assets. Sometimes this involves contacting outside experts. No decision has been made or is imminent at this point.

It is important to note that the Del-Mar-Va Council is governed by local volunteers who provide strong oversight on budget development, fundraising, spending, and investment. During the past decade, our Council has balanced its budget every year, made substantial capital improvements to our camping facilities, and ensured the future of local Scouting through our Council's endowment fund. Our Council is debt-free and has no pending litigation.

The Del-Mar-Va Council has been one of the top performing councils in the nation for many years. Through the continued support of our generous volunteers' time and financial resources, we provide a high-quality Scouting program to more than 13,000 Scouts and 5,000 adults on the peninsula.

Our Council has much to be grateful for this year. We are poised to continue our long heritage of success in the Del-Mar-Va Council and must not let any potential financial restructuring by the national organization distract us. Scouting has long been, and continues to be, the most relevant character and leadership development program for youth.

Let's keep it that way!

Yours in Scouting,

Bill Garrett
Scout Executive & CEO

