



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

CAPITOL AREA COUNCIL

Dear Participant:

Thank you for completing the Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection training course. This training meets the registration requirements for adult leaders and describes the policies to help keep our members safer while participating in Scouting activities. It is important to stress that while we believe these policies are effective in protecting youth, participants in your program may still be at risk of child abuse. Protection of our members requires vigilance in observing Scout activities and immediate intervention when a policy violation occurs.

All persons involved in Scouting must report to local authorities - without undue delay - any good-faith suspicion or belief that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect. You should not delegate this responsibility to anyone else and no one should interfere with this reporting responsibility or attempt to delay or dissuade you from making a report to the authorities.

Additionally, the State of Texas has specific reporting requirements per Texas Family Code, §261.103: If a person, including any member of camp staff, a camp counselor, or camp director, has cause to believe an incident of abuse or neglect of a child at a camp in the State of Texas, they shall immediately report to the Texas Department of Health and Human Services Commission Office of Inspector General via fax at 512-833-6493 or online at https://oig.hhsc.state.tx.us/Fraud_Report_Home.aspx.

Please contact my office as soon as possible to inform us of any report to authorities that relates to suspected abuse in the Scouting program. In addition, you are responsible for informing us of any violation of BSA's Youth Protection policies so we may take appropriate action.

The Capitol Area Council and the Boy Scouts of America are deeply indebted to you and the millions of other volunteers who work hard to deliver the Scouting program to America's youth. The vast majority of these dedicated individuals have only the welfare of our members at heart. Unfortunately, a very small percentage of people have misused their Scouting position to harm children. As an adult leader of the BSA or a parent, you are the "early warning system" to protect our members.

Thank you for your dedicated service.

Yours in Scouting,

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