

# **Protestant Committee on Scouting**

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Dear ministry friends and partners:

As I draft this letter, plans are already well under way for Scout troops and packs to attend camp this summer. We commit to you that our staff of chaplains will be ready to greet and minister to them with Jesus' love once they get there.

We expect well over 12,000 Scouts and adult leaders to attend chapel services led by our Protestant chaplains this summer, and we estimate that 70% of those attendees will be unchurched. That means that our camp chapel services will be their only "church" service all year. (In addition, there will be another 5,000 Scouts and leaders who will see and interact with our chaplains in camp, but who attend other faiths' chapel services.) While we wish that more of the Scouts and leaders already knew God, our chaplains are thrilled and humbled by the opportunity to be a follower and presence of our Savior in their midst.

We will send three salaried chaplains and eighteen volunteer chaplains to the Bartle and Naish Scout Reservations this summer that will serve Kansas City area troops and packs. We expect to provide New Testaments for about 1,200 Scouts who do not already have Bibles. We anticipate 2,500 Scouts and leaders to participate in introduction-to-faith small groups with the camp chaplains or their designees. And we are confident that our incarnational presence in camp assures the Scouts and Adult Leaders that they are cared for by the church and by God as they encounter developmental issues, sometimes family crises, and certainly the spiritual curiosity that is inspired by living in community with one another in the natural environment of Creation.

Will you help with the costs of this front line ministry to youth, many of whom will hear no other voice of Jesus this year?

Our annual budget for the programs above, along with our ministry throughout the year will be about \$20,000. (I'd be pleased to provide you with a breakdown of those costs, if you are interested.)

Your personal or organizational gift of \$50, \$100, \$75, \$25, or any other amount will help us continue this work. Gifts can be made payable to the Heart of America Council, BSA, a 501(c)3 organization.

Thank you for your consideration of our ministry!

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. George Flanagan  
Chair, Protestant Committee on Scouting



**THE SCOUT OATH or PROMISE**

On my honor  
 I will do my best  
 To do my duty  
 To God and my country  
 And to obey the Scout Law;  
 To help other people  
 At all times;  
 To keep myself  
 Physically strong,  
 Mentally awake, and  
 Morally straight.



**THE SCOUT LAW**

*A Scout is*  
 Trustworthy,  
 Loyal,  
 Helpful,  
 Friendly,  
 Courteous,  
 Kind,  
 Obedient,  
 Cheerful,  
 Thrifty,  
 Brave,  
 Clean,  
 and Reverent.

