Dear Scouting Friends

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things, Dr. Warren found that “the reported rates of sexual abuse in Scouting have been very low and broadly refutes the notion that there are ‘secret files’ of hidden abuse. The files show a significant amount of public knowledge of the offenders and their unlawful acts.” For more information on BSA’s policies, please visit www.scouting.org/bsayouthprotection.

Our Council is comprised of more than 1,700 good men and women who serve as Scouting volunteers—helping our children learn lifelong values, develop leadership skills and adopt the habit of community service. The record of these outstanding volunteers who have helped our children grow into productive citizens defines Scouting … not the handful of people who have used our wonderful program for their own selfish and evil purposes.

I thank you for your continued support of Scouting and your dedication to youth, and wish you all the blessings and happiness that the new year will bring.

Thank you for all that you do for the youth of this community!

John Fullerton
Scout Executive
Local Foundation Sends 200 ScoutReach Kids to Camp

A private Southern California foundation recently provided a gift of $55,000 to send some very deserving, underprivileged kids to camp. Through the ScoutReach program, this gift provided 200 kids with all the equipment needed for six days and five nights camping, including transportation, food, sleeping bags, backpacks, tents, and cooking equipment, as well as personal gear such as jackets, gloves, socks, and caps.

The ScoutReach program offers at-risk youth, who otherwise cannot afford to participate, the same opportunities to develop leadership skills, and build character, citizenship and personal fitness, and help young people reach their full potential.

ScoutReach emphasizes service to minority populations and currently operates in 21 public schools within the Long Beach Unified School District. The program is administered by trained, salaried professional leaders, maintained at an 8 to 1 youth to leader ratio. All costs for the program (salaries, supplies, etc.) are funded by donations from corporations, foundations and private individuals, so the program is free to the youth involved.

If you would like to contribute to the ScoutReach program and help low-income kids participate in Scouting activities, please contact Development Director Pamela Bumgardner at (562) 427-0911, extension 280.

LBAC Partners with ITEP to Introduce Kids to Careers in International Trade, Transportation, Logistics

The LBAC is partnering with International Trade Education Programs (ITEP), a non-profit organization based in Glendale, CA, to introduce at-risk high school students to careers in international trade, transportation, and logistics.

The goal of this program is to develop job ready, college prepared high school graduates through activities and programs designed for each grade level and skill. The ITEP programs focus on both short and long term professional and educational goals for students and infuse school curriculum with industry based programs, enrichment activities, and information.

In Long Beach, Students With Ambitious Goals (SWAG) is a hands-on career exploration program for 10th graders that consists of twice-a-month, after-school field trips to visit top local companies and organizations, while also building skills through leadership and personal development activities. Most of the students involved live in difficult neighborhoods with high rates of poverty and crime.

If you would like more information about Scouting and ITEP, or to support this program, please contact Development Director Pamela Bumgardner at (562) 427-0911, extension 280.

Bandai Foundation Makes Gift to Scouting

The Bandai Foundation recently made an $8,500 gift to the Long Beach Area Council at their annual “Time for Giving” event at their facility in Cypress this past November.

In presenting the check, Bandai Foundation’s Treasurer Paul Hausback said, “We hope that the funds we provide assist you in a meaningful way in achieving the goals of your wonderful organization.”

The Bandai Foundation is a non-profit organization established in 1995 by Bandai America as a way to give back to the community that has made its products so successful in the United States. The organization has made a strong commitment to improving and enhancing quality of life of families and children, and to inspire other civic leaders, businesses and individuals to do the same.

If you would like to help the youth involved, please contact Development Director Pamela Bumgardner at (562) 427-0911, extension 280.

Bandai America is a leader in toy and consumer electronics product categories spanning a wide range of characters, properties and brands, including many others, Power Rangers, Ben 10, and Dragonball. Bandai America is headquartered in Cypress, CA.

Annual Virginia Country Club “Gentlemen’s Dinner” to Benefit Scouting

On Jan. 23, 2013, Virginia Country Club, Long Beach, will host a gentlemen’s dinner featuring a fireside chat with pro golfing insider Tim Rosaforte. Rosaforte joined Golf Channel in 2007, and he also contributes to Golf Central and Golf Central Pre Game, the network’s Live From telecasts during major championships and as an interviewer/essayist at select Champions Tour events.

A veteran senior writer at Golf World Magazine, Rosaforte has covered golf’s major professional championships and every Ryder Cup since the early 1980s. He has been honored 30 times with writing awards during his 20-year career, including first place in the Golf Writers Association of America (GWAA) magazine feature and column categories. He also is the author of three books: Raising the Bar: The Championship Years of Tiger Woods, Heartbreak Hill: The Anatomy of a Ryder Cup, and Tiger Woods: The Making of a Champion. He has covered golf for Sports Illustrated, Golf Digest, Golf Illustrated and Links Magazine, as well as several Florida newspapers.

The evening will also feature a wine tasting and special dinner. Cost is $500 per person and seating is limited. To make reservations, contact Zach Vinal, VCC Pro Shop, at (562) 424-5211.