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Partnering to Bring Scouting Opportunities to Maine Students

Dear Principal Crosby,

As we begin another school year, I am reaching out on behalf of Pine Tree Council, Scouting America, to ask for your help in making families in your school community aware of the opportunities available through Scouting.

Pine Tree Council serves young people and families throughout ten counties in Maine. Cub Scouting is open to both boys and girls in grades K–5 and provides young people with opportunities to develop leadership, confidence, character, citizenship, and practical life skills while enjoying outdoor experiences and having fun.

Our goal is not to create additional work for your teachers or school staff. We simply hope to work with you to identify appropriate ways to make families aware that Scouting is available in their community.

Depending on your school's policies, that might include allowing us to:

- Provide printed or electronic information for families
- Participate in a school open house or activities fair
- Have a Scouting information table at an appropriate school event
- Make a brief age-appropriate presentation to students
- Include Scouting information in electronic newsletters or parent communications
- Display information about local Cub Scout packs
- Work with your school on community service projects

We recognize that every school district has different policies, and we will respect the guidelines established by your district and school.

Scouting also provides opportunities that complement many of the goals Maine educators share for their students. Scouts learn teamwork, leadership, responsibility, citizenship, problem solving, environmental stewardship, first aid, outdoor skills, and service to others.



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Pine Tree Council also operates camping and outdoor facilities for our members. We invest significant resources in maintaining these properties and subsidizing our camping programs so that outdoor experiences can remain as affordable and accessible as possible for Maine families.

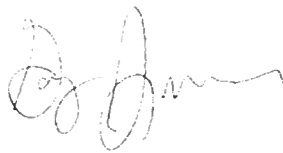
We would welcome the opportunity to be a partner with your school. Our local Scouts and volunteers can also assist schools through service projects and other appropriate community-service opportunities.

Most importantly, we want families to know that Scouting is available to them. If cost is a concern, financial assistance is available, and we work to ensure that finances are not a barrier to families who want to participate.

I would appreciate the opportunity for a member of our team to speak with you briefly about what types of Scouting outreach are appropriate within your school or district.

Thank you for everything you and your staff do for Maine's young people. We would be honored to work alongside you.

Sincerely,



Gary Savignano
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