

**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter regarding the incident at a Scout camp in Texarkana. Your letter copied to Mr. Ratcliffe has been forwarded to me.

A cornerstone of Scouting is the commitment to be kind. The programs of the Boy Scouts of America seek to instill values in young men to respect people and animals. The young men's behavior in this situation was not consistent with the Boy Scout mission.

Boy Scout officials appropriately handled the unfortunate incident at the camp. As soon as the incident was revealed, the boys were dismissed. When situations arise that challenge the values that Boy Scouts of America seeks to instill, we try to use the situation to teach that Scout and all Scouts how to make better choices in the future.

Thank you again for your concern and understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. D. Bevins".

Philip D. Bevins
Director
External Communications Division

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