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Dear Parents, Leaders, and Scouting Supporters,

Thank you for your involvement in Scouting. The Scouting program changes lives and positively impacts communities because of your efforts. Scouting's strength comes from local volunteers providing the Scouting program to local Scouts. You are a key part of the Central Georgia Council.

As part of the Boy Scouts of America's financial restructuring, in the coming days and weeks, the specific contributions each local council will make to help fund the Trust for survivors will be filed with the Court. These figures were determined through a combination of information filed in the claims process and what local councils could meaningfully contribute while ensuring Scouting can continue in their areas.

Scouting is alive and well and we want to continue to ensure that our members' health and well-being are always on the forefront.

- **The safety and well-being of our Scouts, volunteers, and their families remains our top priority.** A dedicated team of volunteers and staff delivers a safe and fun experience to build leadership, character, and values in our Scouts. We encourage you to review Scouting's safety **policies and procedures** to better understand our commitment to safety.

[Youth Protection | Boy Scouts of America \(scouting.org\)](https://www.scouting.org/youth-protection)

- **Scouting in our local communities is strong.** Our Scouts have enjoyed and grown from their fantastic experience at den meetings, summer-time experiences, high adventure, and career-related opportunities. Plans continue to provide our youth a premier experience in Scouting.

As a valued member of our Scouting community, I am reaching out to provide you with an update on the national organization of the BSA's financial restructuring and how the Central Georgia Council is participating in the efforts to equitably compensate survivors and ensure the future of Scouting's vital mission. Specifically, I'd like to share an update regarding local council contributions that will be used to compensate survivors.

Our Council's Contribution:

Our council participated in the process and our contribution was determined to be **\$299,458** which will comprise a combination of debt and other unrestricted assets.





The Central Georgia Council is legally separate and distinct from the national organization. Our camps, properties, and local donations are controlled by our council. We share in the BSA's commitment to equitably compensate victims of past abuse. We will continue to review how we can fund our contribution to the compensation Trust while ensuring that Scouting can continue to serve youth, families, and communities in Central Georgia for generations to come.

Our contribution will not use Friends of Scouting (FOS) gifts, Council fees, activity fees, special event funding, or any donor restricted funding. The Executive Board also voted **NOT** to leverage or sell one of our largest assets, Camp Benjamin Hawkins. However, we may incur some debt to ensure we meet our obligation.

It is important to note that restricted donations can only be used for their designated purposes and are legally protected so that they are used as the donor specified. Local donations through Friends of Scouting (FOS) go straight to supporting Scouting in our communities today; these donations are used in real time and are critical to maintaining local operations.

The BSA's Path Forward:

There is still much to be done to obtain approval from the Court to solicit victims to vote for the BSA's amended Plan of Reorganization. However, the BSA is wholeheartedly committed to working toward a global resolution. The BSA intends to seek confirmation of the Plan this fall and conclude its financial restructuring around the end of this year.

While this is an important step forward in the national organization's financial restructuring, I also want to take a moment to recognize the exciting things happening in our council. There has never been a better time to be a part of Scouting. This fall, we look forward to welcoming new members to our ranks as we greet new Cub Scouting families to our council cuboree, and new ScoutsBSA youth to our winter camp program. These are the experiences that make Scouting so valuable.

Thank you for your continued support of Scouting. If you have any other questions about the national organization's financial restructuring, please visit www.bsarestructuring.org.

Yours in Scouting,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Garrett L. Williams".

Garrett L. Williams
Scout Executive/CEO

