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Dear Scouting Volunteers and Families,

The Boy Scouts of America offers our iconic character and leadership development program delivered through hands-on, high adventure, outdoor experiences that families and youth cannot find anywhere else. The Boy Scouts of America and the Pacific Skyline Council are committed to offering programs that challenge youth, while providing a safe and secure environment for them to learn.

To ensure coverage and support for our participants and volunteers, the Pacific Skyline Council provides a suite of insurance policies to protect its members, including liability, property, and accident and sickness insurance for all participants, programs, and facilities.

Historically the Council has absorbed these annual costs into its operating budget. During the last several years, our council's cost for our insurance programs has increased to almost \$100,000 in annual premiums. Increased premiums are a result of general increases in insurance charges across all policies and dramatically increased expenses related to increased wildfire and natural disaster claims statewide.

The Pacific Skyline Council is committed to providing quality coverage and security for our volunteers and participants, so our Scouts can continue participating in our programs knowing that their safety and security is our highest priority. **To continue providing quality coverage, effective with next Recharter Cycle, which begins November of 2018, the Pacific Skyline Council will be charging the yearly insurance fee of \$12.00 per participant – That's just \$1 per month to properly insure our members!** It is important to note that this fee will be included in all chartering fees for the 2019 Scouting year and will continue to be prorated for members who join for less than one full calendar year in 2019.

We are forever committed to delivering the finest resources, tools, facilities and customer service needed for our leaders to deliver a quality program to more youth. Our families deserve no less. We thank you for your current support of the Pacific Skyline Council as we work to provide a safe and secure program for the over 8,000 youth served in our programs. For questions regarding this fee, please contact your Unit Commissioner or visit <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/alerts/insurance>.

Yours in Scouting,

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