



Parents, Volunteers and Friends of Scouting:

As a valued member of the Scouting family, our goal is to help you understand recent media coverage about National Boy Scouts of America.

Please know that Scouting is strong in Atlanta, with more than 31,000 youth and 9,000 volunteer leaders. **All local Scouting programs are continuing as usual.** We remain as committed as ever to delivering a safe and impactful Scouting program in Metro-Atlanta.

Today, National BSA filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy to achieve two key objectives: equitably compensate victims who were harmed, often times many decades ago, and continue to carry out Scouting's mission for years to come.

This Chapter 11 financial reorganization is at the National level and does not involve the Atlanta Area Council. Scouting programs in Atlanta will continue.

The entire Scouting community is outraged and saddened there have been instances when individuals participating in the Scouting program abused children. We know even one case of abuse is one too many.

Nothing is more important than the safety and protection of children.

- Over many years, the BSA has developed some of the strongest expert-informed youth protection policies found in any youth-serving organization including mandatory criminal background checks for all leaders, required training in youth protection, mandatory reporting, and two-deep leadership.
- Every instance of suspected abuse is reported to law enforcement.
- The Atlanta Area Council organizes the annual Atlanta Youth Protection Seminar. Over 100 youth organizations benefit from attending each year.

Scouting in Metro-Atlanta will continue to thrive.

- The Atlanta Area Council is a separate non-profit organization.
- Council camps, the Volunteer Service Center and finances are owned and controlled by the Atlanta Area Council.
- Friends of Scouting and other donations will continue to be used to pay for necessary day-to-day costs to provide Scouting in our communities.

For additional information about National BSA's Chapter 11 filing visit www.BSArestructuring.org.

Scouting will continue in Metro-Atlanta and throughout our nation.

For questions, please contact our [Leadership Team](#). Thank you for your support of Scouting.



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