Dear Middle Tennessee Scouting Family:

“Breaking News”, because of YOU, The Middle Tennessee Council, Boy Scouts of America remains the # 1 Council in membership growth (26%) over the last three years. Families and community leaders in our 37 counties rely on the Middle Tennessee Council to provide positive experiences that teach leadership, self-confidence, citizenship and values to their children.

There have been reports in the news and social media that the Boy Scouts of America changed its name and that Scouting is now all co-ed. That is not accurate! The Boy Scouts of America is still the Boy Scouts of America and we are still the Middle Tennessee Council, Boy Scouts of America. The name of the Boy Scout program will be called Scouts BSA in February of 2019 because of the addition of a separate all girls program that is exactly the same as the current Boy Scout Program. Additionally, Cub Scout Packs may add all girl dens (age groups) if they choose to do so. As of September 7th, 30 of 309 Cub Scout Packs have welcomed girls and 210 girls have joined. Over 3,239 new boy Cub Scouts have joined so far this fall. The Boy Scouts of America has had two co-ed programs called Venturing and Exploring for over 30 years, so working with both boys and girls is not new for us.

The future of the Middle Tennessee Council is bright and exciting. In 2020 the Council will celebrate its 100th birthday and numerous activities and events are planned around this special anniversary. Plans are in place to upgrade existing facilities and build new facilities and programs at Boxwell Reservation. You will hear more about all of these exciting plans in the future.

We are truly grateful to all the Middle Tennessee Council volunteers and generous investors who give of their time, talent and resources to ensure we provide a world class character development program to the current and future Scouts of our 37 counties. THANK YOU!

Yours in Scouting,

Steve Blackmon
Council President
Karen Bengston
Council Commissioner
Larry Brown
Scout Executive

SCOUTING FOR ALL AGES

While we have been working hard at recruiting new Cub Scouts into the MTC family for the past couple of months, we are also now turning our focus toward our other Scouting programs...Head over to mtcbsa.org to find out your local join up opportunities!!!

No matter the Scouting interest, we have a path just for you! Check out all the ways you can jump into Scouts, and remember, Adventure Awaits...

**Boy Scouts** is the traditional Scouting experience for youth in the fifth grade through high school. Service, community engagement and leadership development become increasingly important parts of the program, as youth lead their own activities and work their way toward earning Scouting’s highest rank, Eagle Scout.

Exploring** is our co-ed, youth-led, youth-inspired program, and offers young persons ages 14-21 the opportunity to create their own adventures! They acquire life skills and gain experiences that will prove to be valuable regardless of where their future takes them.

**Venturing** is our co-ed, youth-led, youth-inspired program, and offers young persons ages 14-21 the opportunity to create their own adventures! They acquire life skills and gain experiences that will prove to be valuable regardless of where their future takes them.
No one said survival couldn’t be FUN!

This summer, the Middle Tennessee Council had over 1,300 Cub Scouts and Webelos attend one of our 19 Day Camps to show the world their strength, knowledge and fortitude as they “Survived the Adventure.” The summer heat could not, and would not stop these Scouts as they overcame various challenges that their Day Camps had to offer. Many bulls-eye’s were shot, various survival contraptions were built, dozens of adventures were earned, and much fun was had by all. This opportunity could not have happened without the support of our various Day Camp Directors and Staff at each of these Day Camps. We hope to see your Cub Scouts and Webelos next year at a Day Camp coming to your district.

Another amazing summer has come to an end at Cubworld Resident Camp. This summer, we had over 650 Cubs and Webelos join us in our Time Machine as we visited prehistoric times, medieval times, and the wild west, as well as the future! In addition to checking out our TARDIS and our visiting DeLorean, our Resident Campers had the opportunity to shoot BBs, Archery and Slingshot, stay cool at the pool, conquer the Boxwell climbing and rappelling tower, go boating at our Cubworld waterfront, and most importantly, show off their mettle at Gaga Ball and Dodge Ball.

Don’t forget to pencil Cub and Webelos Resident Camp’s on your calendar for next year so that you and your Scout won’t miss out on all the fun we have to offer at Cubworld!
Wow, what a great year for camping out at Boxwell Reservation, as we had over 3,200 in attendance. Our youth at camp earned over 10,000 Merit Badges this year and had a great time with the new addition to the Shotgun Range, which gave young men opportunities to learn how to safely shoot shotguns and break their first clay target! The STEM Program was a big success this year and we look forward to growing that program in the future. Get ready for new things to come at Boxwell Reservation Summer Camp 2019.
As Summer Camp just ended, the Order of the Arrow is getting ready to launch their spy tactics as we go into SCOUTFALL 007.

Get ready to sign up as we are opening Camp Craig to have more room at camp. This year we will be offering a Green Bar Program to help with the new Scouts that joined in the fall. I hope that this sparks an interest in joining the Middle Tennessee Council and the Order of the Arrow at Winter Camp 2018!

As we are now in the fall, Webelos Winter Camp is gearing up. This year our team is going back in time as we go to the MUSEUM. We will have a fun and exciting program to offer Webelos Scouts, so get ready to take a trip into history. Bring your tent, warm clothes and a great attitude as our Cubworld Staff gives you an excellent program and awesome food. Mark your calendars and spread the word - January 4th-6th, 2019. See you at camp!

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Lipscomb University was all abuzz on April 22nd as Middle Tennessee Council recognized the 2017 Class of Eagle Scouts, 2017 Silver Beavers, Courtenay scholarship winners, and three Eagle Honorees! MTC is proud to report that 383 Boy Scouts achieved the rank of Eagle Scout during the 2017 Scouting year, as well as two Venture Summit Awards.

In addition to recognizing our Eagles, the Council also named J.B. Baker, Greg Cashion and Linda Veach as the Class of 2017 Eagle Honoree’s, and presented 12 Silver Beaver Awards. The Courtenay Scholarship award winners are certainly deserving Scouts, so congratulations to James Ian McQuirk and Saylor Lee Wilson on their accomplishments.

The Eagle and Volunteer Reception would not be possible without the leadership of its chair, and we thank Dr. John Bright Cage for serving in that role. Also, Mr. Lelan Statom served once again as this year’s Eagle Mentor Chair, providing tremendous mentor leadership for these Eagle Scouts.

Senator Mark Green provided a motivational talk about leadership and duty. Thank you and congratulations to all of these Scouts and Scouters!
“As we honor their memory today, let us pledge that their lives, their sacrifices, their valor shall be justified and remembered for as long as God gives life to this nation.” Ronald Reagan, May 31, 1982 Arlington National Cemetery.

On Saturday, May 26, 2018, a little over 3,000 men, women, boys and girls placed over 40,000 flags at cemeteries all over Middle Tennessee. These flags were placed in remembrance of the courage and selflessness that each honoree showed by dying for their country. The Scouts of Middle Tennessee over the years have showed up on the Saturday before Memorial Day to recognize the men and women who “paid the ultimate price” for the country. What a strong message this sends to the younger generations. We cannot forget the ones that went before us; without them this great Scout program would not exist.

LATIMER UPDATED
Let the Adventure Begin

This has been a very busy summer at Latimer Reservation with NYLT, Sea Cadets, church and Scout groups. Our attendance as of the end of July was 2,995 compared to 2,842 at the end of July 2017. This is a 4.6% increase and yes, we have been busy.

The fall of 2018 is showing signs that this attendance will increase even more with church and Scout groups, Cub Launch at Latimer Weekend October 5-7, and our Wilderness First Aid Course October 12-14. Registration for these two special events is available online. We have groups scheduled to attend through the first of December.

Our ongoing project of developing a connector trail through the Scott’s Gulf Gorge is still moving along. We do need some help with building this trail. If your troop or crew has older Scouts who may be interested in trail building, please contact Ron Turpin at rturpin@mcbbsa.org to discuss your unit’s participation in this development. If you haven’t been to Latimer, you need to plan a visit soon.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING @ LATIMER

The Middle Tennessee Council conducted two courses at the same time, May 28–June 2. We had 96 participants and 26 staff members involved in this historic training event.

Course MTC014 was under the leadership of Scoutmaster James Moore and Senior Patrol Leader Walt Hall. Course MTC015 was under the leadership of Scoutmaster Aaron Hart and Senior Patrol Leader Greta Kowalski.

National Youth Leadership Training is a six-day outdoor leadership experience for current and future leaders selected by the Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor. This experience builds upon Introduction to Leadership Skills. The conference utilizes the Boy Scout troop structure by using the patrol method. Patrol leadership changes daily to give all Scouts and Venturers a chance to experience being the Patrol Leader or Assistant Patrol Leader. The participants will write their own vision statement in which they will plan how to use their newly acquired skills in their home troops and crews.

The purpose of NYLT is to give each participant a basic knowledge of various modern leadership skills while helping them relate these skills to their own troop and crew responsibilities; to give them the confidence and knowledge necessary to run their unit’s program; and to provide opportunities to share ideas and experiences and grow friendships with Scouts from other troops and Venturers from other Crews.

In 2019, we will again hold two courses. The first course will be held May 27-June 1 and the second course will be held July 21-26. Make plans now to send your youth leadership to this training experience.
Once you have YPT under your belt, finishing your training is a breeze! Go back to my.scouting.org, but instead of clicking the shield, click the red box under the shield and you will be directed to the training page. Click on the program that you need training for (like Cub Scouts for instance), and then choose the role you play in the Pack. These trainings are meaty, but they do come in bite sized chunks of 7-10 minutes each, so you can do a quick training or two while waiting in the car line at your Scout’s school, or whenever you have a few minutes to spare. These trainings are also available as an in-person classroom training within each District. Check out our website at www.mtcbasa.org. The great benefit to these opportunities is that you get to meet other new and experienced Scouters from other Units.

**Beyond the Basics**

Once you have mastered the basic training, feel free to browse around and check out some of the other training available. Before your Cub Scout Pack can go camping, some leaders need to be familiar with BALOO training, or Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation. This training will help you learn the basics of camping, such as how to eat, sleep, and stay dry in the wilderness! Part of this training is offered online, and part of it is in an outdoor classroom. For more information check our website, or ask a key member of your District.

**University of Scouting is a huge training event coming up November 17.** At the uoS, you can enjoy many different supplemental fun trainings, such as Dutch oven cooking, or knot tying. I guarantee there is something for everyone at the University of Scouting. Look for details on our website www.mtcbasa.org.

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**MTCBSA Seeking Scout of the Year**

Middle Tennessee Council is seeking nominations to be considered for “Scout of the Year”. Please visit our website at https://www.mtcbasa.org/scout-of-the-year to nominate a Scout that has demonstrated exceptional Scout spirit, leadership, heroism, community service or citizenship, either in his/her Scout unit or personal life.

We will select one Cub Scout, one Boy Scout, one Venturing youth, one STEM Scout and one Sea Scout/Explorer to represent the council. Each youth must be registered in a pack, troop, crew, ship or post within the Middle Tennessee Council at the time of nomination. Should you wish to nominate more than one Scout, please complete a separate form for each nominee and mail it, fax it or e-mail it by October 19, 2018 to:

MTC Marketing Committee

c/o Keka Majumdar - 3414 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville, TN 37215
email: kmajumdar@mtcbasa.org or call 615-463-6288

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With the arrival of Fall and the influx of so many new and excited leaders, training becomes an essential ingredient in many good Scout conversations.
With the fundraising momentum being set at the Nashville Patron Luncheon on March 1, the MTC districts hosted over 30 “Good Scout” events throughout the Middle Tennessee Council territory from March through May. These events honor individuals who give back to their communities and live their lives according to the Scout Oath and Law. Supporters of the “Good Scout” events are given the opportunity to contribute to their local Scouting programs.

The Council is pleased to announce that it set a new all-time fundraising record of $3,032,755 on a $3,018,000 goal! 15 of 17 districts exceeded 100% of their district Friends of Scouting goal. The Eagle Club, established in 2015 and for donors of $5,000 and more, continues to be a key part of our success. In 2017, the Eagle Club had 147 members with 37 members being new. In 2018, we have 166 members with 38 being new.

The Middle Tennessee Council would like to thank Trey Harwell, member of Neal & Harwell, PLC, for serving as the 2018 MTC Friends of Scouting Chairman, and Wayne T. Smith, Chairman and CEO, Community Health Systems, for serving as the 2018 Nashville Patron Luncheon Chair. The Council would like to thank all investors and campaign leadership for their continued support to the local Scouting program of Middle Tennessee. It was definitely a team effort to raise the necessary funds to support the local Scouting programs.

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**Eagle Club ($5,000 - $9,999)**

- Mark Freadman, DDS
- The Dorothy Davis & Thomas F. Fife Foundation
- Garrett Brothers Continuum*
- Anthony Gironato
- Gordon Food Service
- Paul Haas
- Ambassador Allison F. Hargreaves
- John Harney
- Aubrey Harwell, Jr.
- Troy Harwell
- Scott Haywood
- Wayman Hinson
- Dr. James E. K. Hinds
- Budy Harris
- David and Sarah Ingram
- James Bros. Contractors, LLC
- ICAN Strategies, LLC
- Marty R. Kimmitt
- Joe Lanzillo
- The LaRoche Family Foundation
- Marklater, Staton & Krueger, Jr.
- Neil Lawlor
- Mechanical Resource Group
- Middle Tennessee Bank & Joint CIMP

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**Platinum Eagle Club ($25,000 & above)**

- Deborah & C.A. Craig Ii Family Foundation
- Cal Thomas Haley, Jr.
- Ingram/Donahue Americas Trust Fund
- Dr. Philip M. and Mrs. Pamela K. Pfeiffer and the Pfeiffer Foundation
- Justin & Walter Potter Foundation
- Joe V. Russell
- Joanne Tarts Foundation

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**Golden Eagle Club ($10,000 - $24,999)**

- Andy Adams
- Anna Porter Wilson Foundation
- Anonymous
- J. E. Bledsoe
- David Black, MD
- Stephen Eliska Blackmon, Jr.
- George Summer Byars
- Mark Byrd
- Campbell, Popcorn
- Care Line
- Beth Carpenter
- EES Foundation
- Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention
- Gun Co-Association, Inc.
- C. Harris Hudson
- HCA Foundation
- Garren Higgin
- Ingram Charities
- Jack B. Turner and Associates
- Jack C. Norris Foundation
- Tal Kirkland
- Richard F. LaRoche, Jr.
- John Liu, MD
- Robert A. McCabe, Jr.
- William V. Daley
- Phoenix Financial Partners
- Jimmy W. Parker, Jr.
- Phoenix Council Nashville
- Rodgerb Natural Gas
- Public Scraper Warrick Charities
- Putnam Farms, Inc.
- Regions Bank
- Symentis Hospitality Properties
- Rode Smith
- Wayne T. Smith
- Wally & Betty Stout
- SunTrust Bank of Nashville
- T.J. F. Foundation
- TCF Bank
- Troop 137
- US Bank
- Voca, LLC

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**Council Friends of Scouting over last 4 years**

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Middle Tennessee Council’s 2018 Popcorn Sale kicked off on August 20! This year’s theme is: Kick It with Popcorn! The Middle Tennessee Council has partnered with the Nashville Soccer Club to offer a variety of prizes and trips. Many of the council incentives gift cards, and mystery houses can be found throughout the council territory. Top district sellers will earn a free 4HD action camera and the top council sales person will earn a free trip for 4 to the Wilderness at the Smokies Resort. The MTC popcorn sale enables Scout units to earn enough money for their yearly programs.

If you would like more information about the sale, or purchasing popcorn to support Scouting, please contact Kevin McMurry (kmcmurry@mtcbsa.org) or Sherry Rakes (srakes@mtcbsa.org). The council webpage for popcorn can be found at www.mtcbsa.org.

Middle Tennessee Council, Boy Scouts of America

HERITAGE SOCIETY DINNER

NOVEMBER 1, 2018

Cocktails & Dinner - 6:00 P.M.
Belle Meade Country Club
815 Belle Meade Blvd, Nashville, Tennessee 37205

Hosted by:
Jennie & Rich McCabe
Mary & Kevin Marshalls

For questions contact:
Keka Macnume @ 615-463-0286
or kmacnume@mtcbsa.org

The MTC Heritage Society was created to recognize donors who make a $25,000 or greater contribution to the Council Endowment Fund in cash, property or securities, or a disbarred gift of $100,000 or more pursuant to a will, life insurance policy, retirement plan, or gift annuity. Prospective Heritage Society members are also invited to attend.

2019 CAMP CARD PROGRAM

The Middle Tennessee Council just completed the 2018 camp card sale early this year with over 60,000 camp cards being sold with Scouts earning over $150,000 to assist with camping activities. The Camp Card is designed to help units fund their way to camp programs by earning 50% commission on each $5.00 camp card sold. This is a risk-free, product sales project where all Scouts can earn their way to a Middle Tennessee Council Camp, Philmont Trek, other activities or simply support unit programs or supply needs.

In 2019, the Middle Tennessee Council will offer five regional Camp Cards that will again sell for only $5.00. These camp cards will contain four breakoff coupons for one time use and will have at least 8 reoccurring discounts of multiple food, entertainment, and service discounts for the consumer to use throughout the year. The 2019 camp card program will begin on February 26, 2018 and end on April 24, 2019.

If you own a business or know of a business that would be interested in being on our 2019 camp cards, please contact Vance Lackey, Deputy Scout Executive, at (615) 383-9724 or vlackey@mtcbsa.org.
Middle Tennessee Council, Boy Scout of America

Presents

The Latimer Society

Last year, the Middle Tennessee Council wanted to recognize those volunteers whose time and efforts are spent in the betterment of camping facilities across the Council. The Latimer Society was created to recognize volunteers who have generously invested their time, talent and treasure to ensure Middle Tennessee Council Properties and Camp Programs are some of the best in the USA. The Latimer Society is named in honor of Bill and Carol Latimer for their generosity and dedication in providing world class facilities and programs for young people.

For the Latimer Class of 2018, we are very pleased to recognize and award Roy Alexander, Ross Cardwell, Ron DeBerry, and Don Miller with the prestigious Latimer Society Award for countless hours given to helping ensure Middle Tennessee Council camping facilities are the best around.

Don Miller
An Eagle Scout. Don has been active in Scouting for many years, as a youth and adult volunteer. He has served on the camping committee, DA “Construction Team”, Boxwell Staff, Jamboree staff, Eagle Banquet committee, and countless other roles related to making MTC camps strong.

Ron DeBerry
Ron has served on various committees across the Middle Tennessee Council, including serving on the Executive Committee and chair of the Activities Budget and Compensation Committee. Ron was incredibly instrumental in securing the naming gift for the Latimer High Adventure Reservation and remains an active part of that relationship.

Ross Cardwell
A lifelong resident of Sparta, TN, Ross is the primary person that located and brought to attention of MTC the property that is now Latimer Reservation. Ross contacted board member Harris Haston, and the work began to secure this property. Mr. Cardwell has worked for more than 20 years in helping secure Scott’s Gulf recreational area, and is an avid outdoorsman.

Roy Alexander
Roy Alexander earned his Eagle Scout Award as a youth. He joined the U.S. Navy after college, and in 1972 Roy joined the family business, General Tire, where he continues to serve as President. Roy has received numerous civic and community awards, including the Long Rifle and Silver Beaver. His devotion to Boxwell and the improvements of our camps are truly beyond compare!

IN MEMORY OF

Stephen Layne Clark
Joe L. Lester
David Anthony Coode
J. B. and Carylon Baker
James A. Hardin
Charles and Carole Burgess
Jack P. Nyiri
Philip and Pamela K. Pfeffer
Sue Lockhart
Don McKinney
Forrest McGuire, Jr.
J. B. and Carylon Baker
Gene Pell
Tom and Mary Pell
Darryl Wade
Bob Martin
William "Bobby" Walker, Sr.
Carl and Ann Varnum
Roy M. Zimmerman, Sr.
Dr. and Mrs. Frederick L. Finke
Jack and Connie Potter
Julie Stephens
Pamela Zimmerman
Walter and Betty Zimmerman

IN HONOR OF:

Ray Capps
Nelson R. Block
Paul Doggett
Daniel Jordan
Darran Hinckley
Nancy Leach
John and Robbi Olphant
Tom Beasley
Stuart Shofner
Mary Ann Greif

Whitney M. Young, Jr.

Service Award Dinner

Thursday, November 15, 2018, 6:30 P.M.

Cal Turner Family Center, Meharry Medical College
1011 21st Ave. N. Nashville, TN 37208

The Boy Scouts of America created the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Award to recognize outstanding service by an individual or organization to the youth from rural and low-income urban backgrounds.

We proudly present

Whitney M. Young, Jr. Scout Award Recipients

Himena Ross
Michael South
Kelli Petre

Whitney M. Young, Jr.
Community Award Recipient

Audrey B. Harwell, Jr.
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