BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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Mr. Ken Ross 10735 Judy Ln Columbia, MD, 21044-4228

Dear Mr. Ross:

Thank you for your concern about providing your Social Security number to the Boy Scouts of America. The confidentiality of your personal information is important to you and to us.

In order to protect our members we require background checks on all new volunteers who seek to be registered with the Boy Scouts of America.

A check of the Social Security number ensures accurate identification of the applicant. Without the Social Security number we cannot ensure the identity of the individual. Consequently, those who decline to provide their Social Security number will not be allowed to register as leaders in the Boy Scouts of America.

The BSA will do everything possible to ensure the security of your personal information. Only a limited number of approved employees with the highest levels of clearance will have access to the information. ChoicePoint, the vendor we will be using for background checks, uses an encrypted and secure Web site for data collection. Information on your application is not shared with any other organization or person.

The safety of our youth members has always been, and will always be, our highest priority. We appreciate your support for Scouting's efforts to serve young people.

Thank you.

Sincerely.

*J*ames Milham, Jr.

Director of Field Services