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You may have seen various reports of the Boy Scouts of America filing for “bankruptcy”. We want to take this opportunity to clarify some key points and to reassure you that this bankruptcy does **not** involve Prairielands Council.

The recent Chapter 11 filing of Bankruptcy of the National Boy Scouts of America should be received as a financial restructuring, not a liquidation. We believe the future of the Boy Scouts of America remains bright. Let me further assure you that the Boy Scouts of America has always been at the forefront of protecting children from abuse and providing a safe environment for our life-changing programs. The BSA cares deeply about all victims of abuse and are steadfast in our deep belief that even one incident of child abuse is one too many. We believe victims, and have programs put in place to help them through any difficult situation they may have suffered.

The Prairielands Council is an independent not-for-profit corporation incorporated in the state of Illinois. Our Council receives no funding from the National BSA organization. Through the generosity of generations of supporters, we own our own camp, offices, and investments and manage them through our own local board of directors. **Dollars given locally, stay local.** Prairielands Councils is a strong council, with high program quality, board and volunteer dedication, and staff commitment to the organization.

Should you have any concerns about the health of the BSA, our youth protection policies, or Prairielands Council, please contact Scout Executive Jared White at 217.531.0214 and we will be responsive to your inquiry.

It is our sincere hope that the national organization can effectively navigate through the legal and liability issues that many other organizations face in today’s environment.

Thank you for your continued enthusiastic involvement in Scouting programs and Prairielands Council. Your efforts make a difference both now and in the future.

Yours in Scouting,

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