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Dear Friend:

On behalf of the Buddhist Churches of America, I am pleased to express our appreciation for the work of the Boy Scouts of America.

For over seventy-eight years, the Buddhist Churches of America has encouraged involvement in the program of the Boy Scouts of America. We believe Scouting provides:

A resource to attract parents and their children

An opportunity for community outreach

A positive alternative for youth

A way to develop youth and adult leadership

The Boy Scout principle of duty to religion and country, service to others and respect for self and others are compatible with our own beliefs and practices. Our Buddhist Boy Scout Troops help a boy to find in Scouting a rich resource for their own spiritual, moral, emotional, and physical development.

We encourage you to become charter members of this organization whose strong program of skills, values, and leadership along with the opportunity to earn the Religious Emblems makes this a complete program for your youth.

Sincerely in Gassho,

Hakubun Watanabe, Bishop
Buddhist Churches of America