



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between
Optimist International
And
Boy Scouts of America

WHEREAS Optimist International (OI) and Boy Scouts of America (BSA) would like to establish a valuable and productive relationship on behalf of boys, young adults and their families for many years to come; we now enter into this Agreement for the purpose of confirming a framework for a cooperative relationship under which Optimist International and BSA will assist one another in areas of mutual interest.

WHEREAS, the purpose of OI is to develop optimism as a philosophy of life utilizing the tenets of the Optimist Creed; to promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs; to inspire respect for the law; to promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among people.

WHEREAS, OI encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life, and the world.

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the BSA to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath, Scout Law and Venturing Oath; and

WHEREAS Boy Scouts of America is desirous of lending its aid and support to the citizenship training, character development and personal fitness of boys and young men and women through community-based organizations;

BE IT RESOLVED that Optimist International and BSA will work cooperatively with each other, within the policies, procedures, safety guidelines and regulations of each organization, to establish and nurture Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Venturing Crews, so that boys and young men and women may grow in character, citizenship responsibility, and with the personal fitness necessary to achieve their greatest potential;

Both Boy Scouts of America and Optimist International will mutually approve all public communications and/or announcements about this initiative before they are issued.

Optimist International

Boy Scouts of America

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Kenneth R. Garner
President
Optimist International

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Wayne Brock
Chief Scout Executive
Boy Scouts of America