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Dear Parents & Guardians,

In our busy lives I usually see you coming and going from the God and Church meetings but I seldom have the opportunity to discuss things one-on-one. I'd like to take a few moments, in the form of a newsletter, to bring out some important highlights and requirements of this "journey." For your scout to receive credit for this course there are some requirements they must complete. First off, they have to keep their Student Workbook and photo album up to date. Then there are several "projects" they have to complete.

The first project was to read the book of Matthew one chapter a day until it was finished (28 days in all). I believe most have completed this project. The next project is found on page 21 in the Student Workbook in the blue box. We talked about visiting Fairfield Christian Church as a group for the early 9:30 service since this church is the Charter Organization for our troop and they are providing the room for us to conduct this program. Mark Barbee happens to be our Charter Rep. and a youth pastor at F.F.C. I just emailed him and asked if he would help with this requirement but I haven't heard back yet. To fulfill Project 2 (workbook page 23) the boys have decided that they would cooperatively put together a worship service at an upcoming campout.

Project 3 (page 31) is a fairly extensive project. The first part requires the student to invite someone to their church and then talk with them about their experience. The 2nd part requires them to volunteer in a church-supported program (in their church) i.e. food bank, nursing home visitation etc and then tell about it. The 3rd part requires them to volunteer at a community agency outside the church. They voted to do this as a group and one of the boys suggested the Foundational Dinners. I called them and they are completely booked up with volunteers through the end of the year (a good problem to have). The director suggested I call Maywood Missions. Their director said she would be glad to help and would call me this Tuesday with a Saturday morning date when we could help with something.

The boys also mentioned they would like to have an end of the program pizza party. This was not included in the initial fee so everyone would have to contribute. They also mentioned they would like their parents and siblings to attend. More than likely, it would be at a party room somewhere like Donatos. I will also be discussing with Mark Barbee about the boys being honored with their awards at a church service. The dates for both these events will be set in the near future and will obviously be after the first of the year.

Thanks for taking your time to read this lengthy letter. Even though some of these considerations are not firmed up these items are something I need you to be thinking about and getting back to me on. I would not be able to complete them without your full support. This is an excellent program and I believe it could be a pivotal event in helping your boys to make that crucial step towards being and active servant of the Lord for a lifetime. I truly enjoy taking this "journey" with your boys and I am eagerly anticipating watching their spiritual journeys unfold.

Yours in Christ,
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PS: I will be emailing this letter as well as handing it out.