Hello local Cub Scout leaders –

My name is Chris Farrell, and I am an Assistant Scoutmaster and the New Scout Coordinator for Scouts BSA Troop 30 in Yardley.  I'd like to extend an invitation to you and your Arrow of Light (AOL) Scouts to visit our Troop.

Here are two easy ways you and your Scouts can get to know Troop 30:

-          **Come to a weekly Troop Meeting**: Our Troop meets every Monday from 7:30-9:00 at Woodside Presbyterian Church (1667 Edgewood Rd, Yardley, PA 19067), and your AOLs are welcome to join us. More info about the Troop is available on our website: [https://www.yardleytroop30.org](https://www.yardleytroop30.org/)

We will integrate your AOLs into the evening’s program – they will get to experience firsthand how a meeting is run, and will also get a leg-up on some of the Scouting skills they will learn as a member of the Troop.  I and other adult leaders will also be on-hand to provide information on our Troop and program to answer any questions that you may have.

Please contact me before planning to attend a meeting to ensure that we will be meeting at our usual location on the evening you would like to join us.  Feel free to visit as many times as you like - we are happy to have you.

-          **Join us on an Outing**:  AOLs and their parents are invited to join the Troop for the day on our November and December camping trips. This is a great way to get a sense of the Troop outside of our regular weekly meetings.

1. On **November 11-12**, we will be having a Wilderness Survival campout at Tinicum Park. AOLs can come and learn some of these important skills, including how to improvise a shelter, multiple ways of treating water, and what to include in a survival kit.
2. **December 1-3** is our our annual Merit Badge camping weekend at Ockanickon Scout Reservation.  AOLs will be able to participate in a number of activities including a hike around Ockanickon, to join us for meals, and to sit in on Merit Badge programs.

We know that weekend schedules can be busy, so AOLs and their parents are welcome to join us at any point during the day and stay as long as they like.  **More details will be provided in the coming weeks!**

Our Scouts plan a wide variety of activities and outings throughout the year, appealing to many different interests, whether you are partial to high-adventure outings, visiting historical/national landmarks, or learning new skills hands-on.  Here are some of the activities the Scouts have participated in over the past year:

-          Backpacking in Pinchot State Forest, PA;

-          Camping among the wild horses at Assateague Island National Park;

-          Forging tools from railroad spikes at the oldest operating blacksmith in NJ;

-          Summer camp at Citta Scout Reservation in Barnegat, NJ;

-          Camp cooking competition at Ockanickon Scout Reservation;

-          Camping and helping restore a historic Scout camp at Treasure Island Camp in the Delaware River; and

-          Learning Civil War history on a bike hike of Gettysburg battlefield.

If you are a Cubmaster and are receiving this email, please forward it to your AOL Den Leader(s).  Please also send me their email address so I can send them future messages - and thank you for your dedication and support of Scouts BSA!

If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me via email or phone - I’m happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Thanks, and we are looking forward to meeting you and your Scouts soon!

Yours in Scouting,

Chris Farrell

Scouts BSA Troop 30

703-217-7948

christopherrfarrell@gmail.com