

**Sample Letter of Introduction from Scouts BSA Troop to Arrow of Light Den Parents
(to be mailed in September)**

(Name)

(Address)

(City, State, Zip Code)

(Date)

Dear _____:

My name is _____ and I am the Scoutmaster for Troop _____. In February, your son/daughter will be able to crossover into our troop. Much fun and adventure awaits him/her after he crosses the bridge into our troop.

You should encourage your son/daughter to continue his/her Scouting journey for the following reasons:

1. Scouting Builds Character – A Scout is –Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.
2. Scouts are more likely than non-Scouts to value education, the environment and put the needs of others before themselves (According to a poll taken by Harris Interactive).
3. Scouting teaches leadership skills, problem solving skills, communications skills, and team building skills.
4. Scouting opens the door to possible lifelong career and hobby interests. With over 100 merit badges ranging over many different topics, many Scouts explore opportunities that they ordinarily would not have.
5. Scouting teaches youth to Be Prepared!. Whether it's for emergencies (1st aid, emergency preparedness), life skills (personal management, family life, communication), taking charge and leading others.
6. Scouting builds confidence. Scouting puts youth in charge of situations and allows them to overcome obstacles and challenges.

Scouting accomplishes these things through a fun-filled program in an outdoor education classroom. We go camping as a troop once per month. This year we are planning to *(use this paragraph to briefly describe your annual program plan. Tell the Webelos what you are doing: canoeing, climbing and rappelling, backpacking, fishing, etc.)*

Our troop meets weekly (*time/date/location*). At these meetings, we have skills instruction time when we work on advancements. Our goal is that your son/daughter would reach 1st class within a year of joining our troop. We also have time for your son's/daughter's patrol to get together to plan for upcoming campouts and time for inter-patrol activities.

We hope you and your son/daughter will join us on this exciting adventure!

Sincerely

Scoutmaster, Troop _____