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Dear Scouting volunteer,

Thank you for your service to the youth of our communities. The support and guidance you have given young people in the name of Scouting has helped to bring the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to fruition. With your continued support of the BSA programs, we will continue to change the lives of the youth we serve and give them a moral compass worth living by.

To this end exists the support network of volunteers and professionals that make up the BSA's districts and councils. The Scouting program is volunteer driven, yet professionally guided. Councils are chartered by the national organization to coordinate the growth of the movement in an area, and districts are often created within a council to ensure that a diverse geographic footprint is properly represented. While the boundaries of a council are set by the national organization through the issuance of charters (not unlike a unit), the boundaries of a district can be adjusted (or removed) at will to best provide the Scouting program to the youth and units.

Each district committee in the council reviews its unit health, volunteer resources, and ability to support the youth and leaders of an area on a regular basis, as part of good strategic planning principles. The Onondaga and Oneida Districts have worked together on a variety of events and projects for years to help deliver the promise of Scouting to the youth in the local area. After much discussion and research, we are proud to announce the creation of the new **Crossroads District**, formerly Onondaga and Oneida Districts, effective July 1, 2020. This was by mutual decision of an enthusiastic group of dedicated, long-time Scouters covering Eastern Onondaga County.

We thank the Crossroads District's new Key 3 for their willingness to serve as founders of this new endeavor. Please congratulate Bob Lombardi of Liverpool as our District Chairman and Mark Mossman of Cazenovia as our new District Commissioner. Both have been active in the development of our new district staff and program support. I will continue to serve as the professional staff advisor and support the new district.

We look forward to delivering a robust program to the youth in the Crossroads District. We are now calling on our youth to give us your best design on a new District Logo (and possibly patch). Please upload your artwork to our [submission site](#), and the District Key 3 will share the top three designs for public review and voting. Good luck to all, and thank you for your continued support of Scouting in Eastern Onondaga County, the Crossroads District, and the Longhouse Council!

In Scouting,

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