

Pastors, Administrators, and Principals:

On Friday (3-25-22), an email was sent out regarding the settlement by some Diocese / Archdiocese with the Boy Scouts of America during the bankruptcy. This will serve as a reminder that the Diocese of Peoria, IL was **NOT** part of the that settlement agreement. As parishes/schools are being asked to sign new chartering agreements with the various boy scout troops **NO** parish or school is to sign any chartering agreement at the present time.

However, troops can still use the parishes and schools if they comply with the following guidelines.

1. **NO** Charter Agreement is to be signed by any parish and/or school.
2. The troop will need to provide a certificate of insurance for a minimum of \$1,000,000 (million) in general liability coverage per occurrence to include property damage coverage **AND** \$1,000,000 (million) in Sexual Misconduct coverage. In addition, the certificate of insurance **MUST** name the parish/school and Diocese of Peoria as an **Additional Insured** for the term of the certificate. Certificates will need to be renewed annually.
3. The troop **MUST** sign the [Boy Scouts of America Facility Indemnity Agreement](#) and the [Boy Scouts of America Unaffiliated Organization Indemnity Agreement](#). Both documents are attached for your convenience.
4. All troop leaders and volunteers **MUST** complete the Diocese of Peoria required Safe Environment training for volunteers. Leaders and volunteers will need to create an account, if they do not already have one, at <https://Peoria.cmgconnect.org> select the **Catholic Committee on Scouting** as the location and the USCCB and participation code is **volunteer**.

Required safe environment training includes:

- [Safe Environment Training – Peoria](#)
 - criminal background check through Selection.com (embedded in the training)
 - DCFS CANTS form, with a hand-written signature, submitted to cantspeoriadiocese@gmail.com – DCFS will **NOT** accept electronic signatures.
5. Signed forms should be kept on file in the school/parish office. Both the certificates and forms will need to be renewed each year.

Thank you for your patience in this matter. Should new information be received regarding the status of the BSA bankruptcy, after being reviewed and determine how it applies to the Diocese of Peoria, IL we will update the pastors, principals, and locations.

Respectfully,

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