



**Northeast Georgia Council, B.S.A.  
Advancement Committee**

December 4, 2007

Dear Sir or Madam:

The young man presenting this to you is a Life Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, and is a candidate for the rank of Eagle Scout. He has requested that you provide to the Eagle Board of Review a reference that particularly describes his **RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLES**.

The Boy Scouts of America maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God. In the first part of the Scout Oath or Promise the member declares, "On my honor I will do my best to do my duties to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law." The recognition of God as the ruling and leading power in the universe and the grateful acknowledgement of His favors and blessings are necessary to the best type of citizenship and are wholesome precepts in the education of the growing members. No matter what the religious faith of the members may be, this fundamental need of good citizenship should be kept before them. The Boy Scouts of America, therefore, recognizes the religious element in the training of the member, but it is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward that religious training. Its policy is that the home and the organization or group with which the member is connected shall give definite attention to religious life.

If you are willing to provide a letter of recommendation for this Eagle Scout candidate, please forward your letter in a sealed envelope to the Eagle Board of Review, in care of his Scoutmaster. The Scout should furnish you his name and complete address. The contents of your letter will NOT be shared with the candidate unless you instruct otherwise. Of course, you are free to discuss the information with him, if you so desire, but you are under no obligation to do so.

Your letter of reference will remain secured until the Scout has received his award, at such time your letter will be destroyed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Ed Foster, Chairman  
Northeast Georgia Council Advancement Committee

<b>The Scout Oath</b>	<b>The Scout Law</b>
On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.	A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.