

Sample Letter to Cub Scout Parents



Dear Parent:

Child sexual abuse is so prevalent in American society that one in seven boys might be sexually abused before reaching adulthood; the percentage of sexually abused girls is even greater. To respond to this growing social problem, the Boy Scouts of America has developed comprehensive Youth Protection training, which addresses the problem of child abuse and, at the same time, helps Scouting continue to provide a safe environment and meet high standards of leadership for our youth members.

You and your son are invited to a special (pack/den) meeting on (date) at (time), when we will show the video "it Happened To Me." This award-winning video was produced by the Boy Scouts of America to educate Cub Scout-age boys about child sexual abuse and the steps boys should take to protect themselves from being sexually abused.

"It Happened To Me" is an important part of the BSA's Youth Protection training. Each Cub Scout pack is encouraged to show the video to its members and their parents once a year. The video presents common situations in which sexual abuse might occur. The content of the video has been reviewed by professionals who are knowledgeable about child abuse and child development. The experts who reviewed it found it suitable for viewing by children as young as 6 years old.

You are urged to bring your son to the viewing of "it Happened To Me" so that you and he can watch it together. Child abuse professionals unanimously agree that open communication between parents and children is vital to preventing child abuse, and while this video is useful as a source of basic information, your son might want to discuss it with you. Your viewing of this video will help to provide a common point of reference for subsequent conversations you and your son might have on this. topic.

I hope that you will be able to join us on (date).

Sincerely,

Cubmaster/Den Leader

Sample Letter to Boy Scout Parents



Dear Parent:

Child sexual abuse is so prevalent in American society that one in seven boys might be sexually abused before reaching adulthood; the percentage of sexually abused girls is even greater. To respond to this growing social problem, the Boy Scouts of America has developed comprehensive Youth Protection training, which addresses the problem of child abuse and, at the same time, helps Scouting continue to provide a safe environment and meet high standards of leadership for our youth members.

At our troop meeting on (day and date) at (time), we will show the video, "A Time to Tell.". This award-winning video was produced by the Boy Scouts of America to educate boys 11 years of age and older about child sexual abuse and the steps they should take to protect themselves from being sexually abused.

"A Time to Tell" is an important part of the BSA's Youth Protection training. Each Boy Scout Troop is encouraged to show the video to its members once a year. The video presents common situations in which sexual abuse might occur. It emphasizes the BSA's "three Rs" of Youth Protection, which instruct children to recognize that child molesters can be anyone and to be aware of situations in which they can be at increased risk for abuse. It also teaches youth how to resist advances made by child molesters and report to parents or another trusted adult any molestation or attempted molestation.

You are invited to attend the viewing of "A Time to Tell" with your son. Child abuse professionals unanimously agree that open communication between parents and children is vital to preventing child abuse. Your viewing of this video will help to provide a common point of reference for subsequent discussions between you and your son on this topic.

I hope that you will be able to join us on (date).

Sincerely,

Scoutmaster

Sample Letter to Venturing Parents



Dear Parent:

Child sexual abuse is so prevalent in American society that one in seven boys might be sexually abused before reaching adulthood; the percentage of sexually abused girls is even greater. To respond to this growing social problem, the Boy Scouts of America has developed comprehensive Youth Protection training, which addresses the problem of child abuse and, at the same time, helps Scouting continue to provide a safe environment and meet high standards of leadership for our youth members.

At our crew meeting on (day and date) at (time), we will show the video, "Youth Protection: Personal Safety Awareness." This video was produced by the Boy Scouts of America to educate young men and women 14 to 20 years of age. This age group represents the transition period between childhood and adulthood during which youth learn how to fulfill their adult roles. The learning process often creates perilous situations that teens need to recognize and react appropriately to avoid harm.

"Youth Protection: Personal Safety Awareness" is an important part of the BSA's Youth Protection training. Each Venturing crew is encouraged to show the video to its members once a year. The video contains three dramatizations of incidents typical of those encountered by teenagers. The dramatizations serve as catalysts for discussion by the teen audience.

You are invited to attend the viewing of "Youth Protection: Personal Safety Awareness" with your son or daughter. Child abuse professionals unanimously agree that open communication between parents and youth is vital to preventing child abuse. Your viewing of this video will help to provide a common point of reference for subsequent discussions between you and your son or daughter on this topic.

I hope that you will be able to join us on (date)..

Sincerely,

Crew Leader