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DENVER AREA COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA WELCOMES GIRLS TO JOIN SCOUTS BSA

Beginning Friday, February 1, 2019, Older girls can join the Boy Scouts of American program, Scouts BSA

Lakewood, Colo—February 1, 2019—Today the Boy Scouts of America's iconic program, Scouts BSA, (for older youth ages 11-17), will begin welcoming girls. The Denver Area Council (DAC) is expected to welcome at least 16 troops for girls today. The DAC welcomed 727 girls into its Cub Scouts program (ages 5-10), in 2018. Nationally, more than 77,000 girls joined Cub Scouts in 2018.

"The experiences and skills that Scouting provides are incredibly valuable to all youth and future leaders. I'm looking forward to the opportunity for girls to experience all the programs and activities the DAC offers", says John G. Cabeza, Scout Executive/CEO of the Denver Area Council. "Girls can enjoy our camps, acquire merit badges and earn the highest rank in Scouting, Eagle Scout."

While Scouts BSA will welcome both boys and girls, it will not be co-ed. Troops will be single-gender and will meet independently.

Any youth interested in learning more about Scouts BSA, for ages 11-17, are invited to attend the Scouts BSA Launch Party on Saturday, February 23, 2019, from noon to 4 p.m. The gathering will take place at Colorado Adventure Point, located at the DAC Hamilton Scout Headquarters in Lakewood. The address is 10455 W. 6th Avenue, Suite 150 (on the west side of the building). For questions or to RSVP, call Rachel Joslyn at 720.266.2122 or Rachel.Joslyn@Scouting.org.

Families may also sign up their sons and daughters for Scouts BSA by visiting BeAScout.org.

About the Denver Area Council

The Denver Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America serves the youth of the Denver metro area with programs and activities to build character and leadership. We are supported by more than 10,000 volunteers to provide educational programs to approximately 32,000 youth members. The Denver Area Council serves youth and families within seven geographic areas in the 10 metro counties of Denver: Adams,

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Arapahoe, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, Gilpin, Jefferson, and Park. For more information about the Denver Area Council, please visit DenverBoyScouts.org.

About Boy Scouts of America

The Boy Scouts of America provides the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training, which helps young people be "Prepared. For Life®. The Scouting organization is comprised of nearly 2.3 million youth members between the ages of 5 and 21, and approximately 960,000 volunteers in local councils throughout the United States and its territories. For more information about the Boy Scouts of America, please visit Scouting.org.

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