

Dear Little Valley Stake Cub Scout & Boy Scout Parents:

Children growing up in our society are faced with many problems which they need adult help to resolve. Threats to their personal safety are serious problems that require parents and other adults to help make decisions that will help children be safer. Hardly a day goes by that the media fails to report sexual abuse of children, bullying in America's schoolyards, or, most recently, predators seeking access to children through the Internet. To respond to these growing social problems, the Boy Scouts of America developed comprehensive Youth Protection training that addresses the problem of child abuse and at the same time helps Scouting continue to provide a safer environment and meet high standards of leadership for our youth members.

You and your son are invited to a special Stake Scout Leadership Training Council meeting at the Stake Center on Thursday, May 10th, 2018, at 7:00 pm. During this meeting we will be having a training for Cub Scouts and their parents in the Relief Society Room and a training for Boy Scouts and their parents in the Primary Room.

Cub Scouts and their parents:

In the Relief Society room we will be showing the video *It Happened to Me*. This video was produced by the Boy Scouts of America to help Cub Scout-age boys develop personal safety skills. This presentation focuses on four simple rules for children to follow as they rely on parents and other trusted adults to help them make personal safety decisions. *It Happened to Me* is an important part of the BSA's Youth Protection training. Each Cub Scout pack is encouraged to present the video to its members and their parents once a year. The video portrays common situations that demonstrate the application of the "Four Rules of Personal Safety." The content of the video has been reviewed by parents, Cub Scout leaders and educators. The review panels found it suitable for viewing by children as young as 6 years old. Child development professionals unanimously agree that open communication between parent and child is vital to the child's personal safety. Viewing this video together will help to provide a common point of reference for subsequent conversations you may have on this topic. We urge you to bring your son to the viewing of *It Happened to Me* so that you can watch and discuss it together.

Boy Scouts and their parents:

In the Primary room we will be showing the video *A Time to Tell*. *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 that instruct children to recognize that child molesters can be anyone and to be aware of situations in which the youth can be at increased risk of being abused, resist advances made by child molesters, and report to parents or another trusted adult any molestation or attempted molestation.

We hope that you will be able to join us on May 10th.

Sincerely,

James Abel
Stake Young Men President

Miriam Houston
Stake Primary President