Statement of Support - Health & Safety Great Salt Lake Council Key 3

Challenging activities help attract youth and retain them in Scouting. Perceived risk during such ventures heightens awareness and builds confidence. There is a place in Scouting for age-appropriate events that push youth beyond their normal comfort levels and stretches their abilities, provided risks have been identified and mitigated. Whether the activity is a simple in-town excursion during off-peak traffic, or a remote wilderness adventure, Scout leaders are responsible for the physical and mental well-being of everyone under their supervision. Parents who entrust Scout leaders with their children justifiably expect them to return uninjured.

Safety and safe operations are a core value in Scouting. It is with this value in mind that the Great Salt Lake Council has established their goal to educate and inform professional and volunteer leaders about safety, teach them how to evaluate and assess potential activity risks, and to promote the concept of "Know Risk...not No Risk."

To achieve this goal, we the undersigned agree to do the following:

- Model safe behavior whenever interacting with leaders or youth.
- Encourage council staff, volunteer leaders and youth members to share the management of risk.
- Promote, provide, and when appropriate, require safety training for volunteers and staff.
- Communicate to volunteers the importance of incident and near miss reporting. Hold staff accountable for implementing reporting procedures at unit, district, and council levels.
- Support the activities of the council Enterprise Risk Management Committee.

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