



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

GREAT SALT LAKE COUNCIL

Dear Unit, District, Council Commissioners and Assistants:

First, I want to thank each one of you for your unwavering commitment to boys and to Scouting. It is you that work in the background training leaders, seeing that everyone is registered, visiting units, helping, encouraging and giving all you have to this most worthy cause. YOU make a difference in the life of a boy by what you do!

I congratulate each of you on your commission and encourage you to..."do your best, to do your duty..."

At the first annual Utah Scouting Expo in May I was privileged to meet one of our great sponsors. I will not give her name because I know she does not seek for recognition, only for a chance to make a difference. She gave to me a card with a quote about "attitude" that I would like to share with you. It goes like this:

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude... I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are in charge of our Attitudes." --Charles Swindoll

It is my experience that this is true. It applies to every one of us. WE decide what our reaction will be to anything that happens TO us. It is for us to decide our attitude. Will it be happy, helpful and kind or grumpy, unsympathetic and cold? It is our attitude that will be seen by all and make or break our character.

May we as commissioners espouse and emulate the attitude found in the tenets of Scouting and personally adhere to the principles of the Scout Oath and Law.

May God bless each of you in your service and may you find joy in lifting others!

Yours in Commissioning,

Perry Frandsen

Council Commissioner

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