

March 12, 2008

Milford, Massachusetts

Dear Scout Parents and Families,

After nine years as scoutmaster for Troop 4, I am retiring at the March 13 troop meeting and Mr. Phil Bedard will be taking over as the troop's scoutmaster. The other adult Assistant Scoutmasters and Troop Committee members are remaining, although some of their roles will change in the normal course of troop leadership over the upcoming months. The troop Adult Leaders are a remarkable group of men and women, I have always enjoyed our time together in the scouting program.

I have decided to leave the position for two reasons. First, I am still as excited about working with the boys and young men as I was nearly 14 years ago when Mrs. Kirchner and I started as Cub Scout leaders for Pack 4. I want to be able to leave while I am still bringing that same level of commitment and enthusiasm to the program - it is very important to me to be able to do that. Secondly, Mr. Phil Bedard has agreed to take over the position. Individuals like Mr. Bedard don't come along very often, so now is the time to make the change.

For those who don't know Mr. Bedard, he has taken two Cub Scout dens over the past 10 years from Tiger Cubs through Second Year Webelos. He has been an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 4 for the past 5 years. He has taken part in many of the troop's outdoor adventures, troop meetings, and is a merit badge counselor. He is an active outdoorsman and his son Pat is finishing up his Eagle Scout and his son Matt has just crossed over to Boy Scouts from Webelos.

Over the years I have met many outstanding men and women who are part of the scouting program. Mr. Bedard is one of the finest I have met. The troop is very, very fortunate to have him in the scoutmaster role.

I will take over the position of Troop Charter Representative and Committee member from Mr. Bob Morin. I will work with the troop's sponsoring organization, St. Mary's Church, and be on the troop committee. I plan to take some time off from regular troop meetings and events for a few months. In the fall I will work with the troop adult leadership to help out with the troop program.

I will continue to work with the current Life Rank Scouts as they progress to Eagle Scout. They should call or email me and drop off written reports in the scout box at my house as needed.

It would take a book or two to recount all the wonderful experiences that I have had these 14 years in scouting, I will close by saying that I have sincerely appreciated your help and support. I have always enjoyed working with your sons. I am proud of every scout. I wouldn't have changed a minute of these scouting years.

Very truly yours,

David Kirchner
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