



# 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING

*Celebrating the Adventure \* Continuing the Journey*

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Mr. Matt Patton  
c/o Skaters for Eugene Skateparks  
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Dear Matt:

Oregon Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, supports the mission of Skaters for Eugene Skateparks (SES) to build a world class skatepark in Eugene.

Our hope is to connect SES with our Scouting community in an effort to build community support and to provide opportunities for children to engage in after school activities. Over 7,000 young people are Scouts in a local six county territory that our council serves. Young people skate, and so do Scouts.

Our endorsement of SES and its mission is based on an understanding that skating can be a positive activity for youth that fulfills the goals of the Boy Scouts of America; to build young people into healthy, active and community engaged adults. Scouting recognizes the appeal of action sports, like skating for young people, and understands that it is important for adults to find ways to connect with youth at "their level." Skating, especially when it is connected to a community with a skatepark and organized activities, helps to meet many of the important "Developmental Assets" that have been identified as critical to helping youth grow into caring, healthy and responsible adults, e.g.:

- Caring Neighborhood
- Community Values Youth
- Community Safety
- Creative Activities
- Youth Programs
- Responsibility
- Self Esteem

(From Search Institute)

Oregon Trail Council welcomes opportunities that SES might have to use Scouting's endorsement of your mission to help you. The proper use of our name, image and brands is important to us. Please consult with me prior to their usage so that we can make sure the situations are appropriate.

Sincerely,

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