

## Ron Green Retirement Announcement

For nearly 40 years, since December of 1980, Ronald S. Green has served the Boy Scouts of America as a commissioned professional scouter. An Eagle Scout, Ron went to work for the movement that changed his life so that other young people could have the same positive life changing experiences as he had in Scouting. On March 1, 2021 Ron will retire from professional scouting.

Ron has served the youth of our nation in 6 different Councils beginning as a District Executive in the Westchester-Putnam Council headquartered in White Plains, NY. From there he served the Greater New York Council in New York, NY as Development Officer, Senior Development Officer, and Director of Camping. He went on to serve as the Scout Executive/ CEO of 4 Councils: George Washington Council headquartered in Pennington, NJ, Central New Jersey Council headquartered in Princeton, NJ, Simon Kenton Council headquartered in Columbus, OH, and beginning in March of 2011, the Greater St. Louis Area Council headquartered in St. Louis, MO.

In 2019 Ron was bestowed the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award for his outstanding leadership and service. The citation on his award reads in part, "Ron has successfully served Scouting volunteers in the inner city, suburban, and rural communities... He has rebuilt struggling councils and consistently recruited, organized, and motivated quality, professional staff and volunteer teams of corporate and professional community leaders to carry out the mission of Scouting." Over his career Ron has served the movement nationally on numerous task forces and national committees to ensure Scouting's relevance, strength, human resource needs, and continued service to youth.

As the 10<sup>th</sup> Scout Executive of the Greater St. Louis Area Council, Ron has led one of America's largest Councils rich in wonderful history and tradition to new heights through innovative new programs in STEM and urban & rural outreach as well as new camping facilities to better serve today's families. His attention to fiscal operations has helped the Council remain financially strong while continuing to dedicate financial resources to better serve young people, especially those in need.

Council President Michael Scully has appointed a volunteer committee consisting of executive committee and board members to choose a new Scout Executive. The selection process will begin this fall. The Greater St. Louis Area Council is in good hands for the transition with a strong staff leadership team, an engaged board of directors, and highly committed adult volunteers.

We wish Ron and his wonderful wife Kathy who has been actively involved with him in serving the Greater St. Louis Area Council all the best as they enter the next phase of life. We hope Ron enjoys the much-deserved opportunity to spend time with his family and in continuing his hobbies of cycling, woodcarving, hiking, fishing, and all things sports. The Greater St. Louis Area Council and the Boy Scouts of America are grateful to Ron for his lifetime of service to the youth of America through his unwavering commitment to advance the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.