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REF: 2018 Akelaland Summer Camp

To: Units attending 2018 Akelaland

From: Paul Oswald, Director of Support Services

Unit Leaders and Camping Coordinators,

Happy New Year! Back in October, the BSA announced that they will expand its programs to offer more opportunities for girls. In 2018, Cub Scouts will become available to boys and girls in first through fifth grades (6 years to 10 years old), ultimately making our programs more accessible to today's families. Originally, the BSA set a National timetable for Cub Scout implementation (September 2018). More recently, the BSA has announced the opportunity for local scouting councils to participate in an early adoption period for Cub Scout recruiting (January 2018).

Some councils have decided to participate in the early adoption period. Others have not. In December 2017, Minsi Trails Council's executive committee decided to follow the original timeline of implementation (September 2018) and continue our current Cub Scout program model until September. This will allow the council time to adequately plan for this change and ensure all facilities are ready to deliver a high-quality experience.

What does this mean for 2018 Akelaland Summer Camp?

- Akelaland summer resident camp will remain a single gender (boys) program for all 2018 summer camp sessions.
- All the great programs, facilities and staff will be there once again to deliver a high-quality experience.

What does this mean for 2019 Akelaland and beyond?

- Akelaland summer resident camp will serve all Cub Scouts (boy's and girl's) in 2019.
- Akelaland facilities will be adequately prepared to meet the demand of the entire family.
- Akelaland Camp Staff will be trained to meet the needs of all youth.
- Packs can begin promoting Akelaland as soon as youth join in September (2018) by encouraging cubs and parents to participate in our October Fall Family event at Akelaland.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (610) 465-8576.

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