



Dear

It's no secret that in our community social and peer pressures force boys to make personal choices that have consequences they are not ready to handle—choices that can frighten, overwhelm, or confuse them; choices they might not be prepared to make. Sometimes making the wrong choice can damage self-esteem or endanger health, safety, or well-being. Some of the choices have serious consequences. But it doesn't have to be this way.

I recently became aware of a very special movie called "Troop 491: The Adventures of the Muddy Lions." Told by an African-American first-time filmmaker, the movie's powerful story, which was inspired by the filmmaker's experiences, contains messages that resonate with today's youth. I'd like to share it with you and start a conversation about how we can change the lives of the young men in our communities. You can see additional information about the movie, including a short trailer, at bsamuddylions.org.

I'm hosting a special event on _____ at _____ to show the film and discuss what we can do to bring youth to your organization and to Scouting.

I know you share my concerns about boys in our neighborhoods. I believe we can do something about it. I look forward to talking to you about how we can work together to prepare our youth for a bright future and to develop boys into men.

Sincerely,

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