

### **CAMP KOOTAGA 2020 SUMMER CAMP DIRECTOR**

***Camp Kootaga has successfully met or exceeded the requirements of the National Camp Accreditation Program, and is approved by the Boy Scouts of America as a Nationally Accredited Boy Scout Resident Camp.***

Hello,

*For those who may not know me I am Bruce Enlow and I have accepted the position as the 2020 Summer Camp Director for Camp Kootaga. As you know, Boy Scouts of America prepares young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. When I ask boys what that means, they talk about being able to do the right thing all the time and having the courage to do so even though it might not be the popular decision.*

*Camp Kootaga Summer Camp has been continuously running for over 95 years and has provided the summer camp experience to many children in the Buckskin Council and beyond. We are focused on an overall camp experience of developing a love for the outdoors and meeting new people.*

*We have numerous events that will enhance the overall camp experience. Each week we provide an action-packed experience. We focus on the environment to help improve our knowledge about what we can do to help our planet, and we do our part to mold a boy into a good citizen. As a young man advances through the Scouting program, they learn confidence, leadership skills, outdoor skills, and important social skills. Our young Scouts learn many life lessons that they will not only use in their young lives but as they get older. They learn to step up and get involved. They learn how to deal with difficult situations and how to communicate and work with each other and with adults—all skills that make them successful every day.*

*This is why I think the Scouting Program is so important and beneficial, and why I want to give back to the Scouting program by providing a quality 2020 summer camp program. I want everyone to experience success, achievement, accomplishment, and most importantly, fun. Camp Kootaga offers Scouts many unique and rewarding experiences. Everyone who participate in the summer program have fun, experience new adventures, learn outdoor skills, develop leadership skills, and make lifelong friends. The adventures experienced and life skills learned are not typically part of the school curriculum or sports programs. Scouting is a wonderful complement to academic and physical education. None of this is possible without the involvement of the adult leaders and parent helpers. Historically, Scouts who benefit most and advance the furthest are those whose leaders are actively involved in the program. Leaders also find this very rewarding.*

*We will also focus on helping build character and self-esteem in each camper. This will be done by meeting new people and finding new skills which will help in developing friendships and skills. My fondest memories of being a part of a camp are the relationships that would not normally be built outside of Scouting. Some of my best friends in the world are the ones I met at summer camp. Our goal will be that every camper makes a strong connection with others. In every activity, our staff will help teach the campers new skills and facilitate learning in a safe and fun environment.*

*The benefit of camp is the memories that will last a lifetime and at Camp Kootaga we will do that. I am looking forward to a wonderful summer and I hope you are as well. Let the summer of fun and memories begin!*

*I encourage all leaders to become involved in the planning process in some manner I welcome your interest and participation. I look forward to working with you to maintain and enhance the wonderful programs that Camp Kootaga offers. **If you have questions, please contact me at [enlowfamily@sbcglobal.net](mailto:enlowfamily@sbcglobal.net) or by phone Cell 740-350-5424.***

***Yours in Scouting,***

***Bruce Enlow***

***Camp Director***