



## “Protect the Lodge, Protect the Mission” BSA (BOY SCOUTS) – LODGE GUIDE

Moose lodges can support BSA by allowing usage of premises instead of as a chartered organization.

### **Additional Insured**

In such an instance, a local Moose lodge requires the BSA Chartered Organization and/or BSA for the Moose Lodge and Moose International be named as an additional insured on their policy of insurance. Note, BSA does not provide indemnification or insurance for intentional acts, such as sexual molestation, abuse. Thus, being named as an additional insured will only provide so much protection.

### **Event Hosting Agreement/General Lease Agreement**

Another strategy to minimize risk includes a written contract (See enclosed Host Event Agreement or Lease Agreement) for use of the premises that includes provisions such as:

- (1) the BSA Chartered Organization is the possessor of the premises while using the premises;
- (2) the BSA Chartered Organization assumes all risks and liabilities arising out of its operations and use of the premises;
- (3) a representation by the BSA Chartered organization that it has provided training in the areas of youth protection, the dangers of sexual abuse in scouting, and the prevalence of sexual abuse in scouting to their volunteers and youth members (including immediate termination of the contract if this representation is found to be false);
- (4) indemnification of the local Moose lodge by the chartered organization in event a claim is made against the local Moose lodge for actions or inactions of the chartered organization; and
- (5) immediate written notification to the local Moose lodge and Moose International if there has been any allegation of sexual misconduct, sexual assault, or sexual abuse against any agent of the chartered organization (including the ability of the local Moose lodge to immediately terminate the contract if such allegations are made).

### **Notification**

Further, in addition to the written contract for premises (See enclosed Event Hosting Agreement, Lease Agreement), the local Moose lodges should require BSA to immediately notify the Moose Lodge of any allegation of sexual misconduct, sexual assault, or sexual abuse against any agent of a BSA Chartered Organization. Upon notification the lodge is to immediately notify Moose International so that appropriate legal steps can be taken.