Dear Scouting Volunteer:

You are invited to participate in a roundtable discussion with other Viking Council volunteers to discuss the future development of the Council's camping facilities.

As you may be aware, developers who are interested in buying the Rum River Scout Camp have recently approached the Council. PLEASE KNOW THAT NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN MADE TO ACT ON THESE OFFERS. However, while we may all be happy with our current camping facilities, we owe it to the youth that we serve to look to the future. If such a sale would allow us to reinvest these resources in other camping facilities which could actually better serve the future needs of the youth of our Council, then maybe we should look at such a proposal. That is why the input of the volunteers who use these facilities most will be critical to any decision to move forward. It is why we are inviting you to participate in one such roundtable discussion.

At your meeting, you will have a chance to talk about what you like and dislike about the current facilities, share ideas about changes that could better serve the future youth of our Council, hear some ideas that a Council task force has identified for potential uses of a large increase in funds available for camping facilities, and share your thoughts about whether these uses are worthwhile and, if so, how they should be modified, if at all.

Three Roundtable discussions will be held. You may attend any one of these that best fits your schedule. The meeting dates, times and locations are indicated below. Please RSVP to Tina Debnam at the council office (763-545-4550, ext. 1146) for any meeting you wish to attend. Thank you for your help in making our camping facilities and programs the best that they can be.

Yours in Scouting,

Jo Marie Dancik Viking Council President Donald Blacker Scout Executive

Tuesday, April 13, 2004 7 pm Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 4700 Edinbrook Parkway Minneapolis, MN 55428

Thursday, April 15, 2004, 7 pm Bloomington Police Department Emergency Management Training Room 1800 West Old Shakopee Road Bloomington, MN 55431 Thursday, April 22, 2004 7 pm

Wright County Government Center The Community Room 120A 10 Second Street NW Buffalo, MN 55313 Please enter on the North side of thebuilding. Go down the stairs to the hallway on your left.