

I am a parent of a current scout in Troop 6 Berkeley. I wanted to send a personal note in support of tolerance and equality in scouting.

I was saddened by the recent decisions affecting a Boy Scout in our area who was denied Eagle on the basis of being gay.

I have felt comfort that my child's troop does not overtly express homophobic values but this is not enough. I am ashamed by what has taken place in our council, and on the national level. These values are not our family values.

It is long past the time for the Scouts to stop discrimination against gay members and leaders.

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