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My greetings to you wonderful boy scouts!

If you are reading this letter, you have reached the top of the mountain! I love hiking to mountain peaks and they have a special place in my heart. Many people throughout the ages have ascended mountains to become acquainted with the Lord. I think of Moses going to the mountain to visit with the Lord and receive instruction from Him. Nephi and so many others have climbed mountains in order to learn what the Lord would have them do.

When I was in the Holy Land I climbed mountain peaks the Savior Jesus Christ climbed to receive instruction from His Father. In Central America I climbed mountains and pyramids to overlook the land where the people of Lehi lived. In Salt Lake City I have climbed Ensign Peak where Brigham Young and his companions climbed and shouted, "Hoorah for Israel," committing themselves to a life of service to the Lord Jesus Christ.

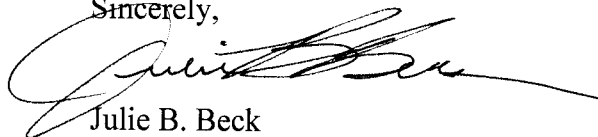
The symbolic mountain for you is the temple of God. That is where you can go to receive strength from the Lord—the Master Creator, the Comforter, the One who knows all things. I pray that you will keep your eyes on the temple and have it be your goal. That is where you can go to make covenants with the Lord as did prophets of old.

Life is often lived in the valleys, but we can lift our eyes to the mountains—literal mountains and the mountain of the Lord's house, or the temple; that is where our strength comes from. Remember your own mountaintop experiences.

As you continue in your scouting endeavors I hope each one of you will be able to achieve the rank of Eagle. That will be a landmark event in your lives.

May the Lord continue to bless and guide you. Keep your thoughts elevated, clean and pure, and live a life of preparation so you can arise and shine forth and be a standard for the nations (D&C 115:5).

Sincerely,



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