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Dear Scouts and Leaders,

I thank you all very much for the boxes of snacks and gifts. We do not have most of the comforts of home and the packages make life a little bit nicer for everyone. Many of the snacks that are for sale here are stale and are very limited. The books and the magazines help to fill in the information gaps. And the personal hygiene items are obviously put to good use, especially the soft toilet paper, thanks.

Many of you younger Scouts may not realize it, but ideals and values that you are learning now will and do play a major role in your future endeavors. Whereas Scouting has the 12 values, the Army has our 7 core values which spell out LDRSHIP. Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, Personal Courage. So my advice to you is to listen to your Leaders and learn from them. It will be invaluable as you grow and take on more and more important Leadership roles in life.

Hope everyone has and had a Happy Holiday season and I look forward to returning to a simple camping trip. By the way, I sleep in a sleeping bag every night! Again, thanks for the thoughts, prayers, and gifts.

And thank you to Mr. Matthews for mailing the boxes. He should be awarded the physical fitness merit badge for just carrying those heavy things.



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