Cyber Chip Award – Requirement #6 for Scout Rank

Today's youth are spending more time than ever using digital media for education, research, socializing, and fun. To help families and volunteers keep youth safe while online, the Boy Scouts of America introduces the Cyber Chip. In developing this exciting new tool, the BSA teamed up with content expert NetSmartz®, part of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children® and training expert for many law enforcement agencies.

Netsmartz® has created a Scouting portal showcasing Cyber Chip resources, including grade-specific videos, for each level.

Topics include cyber bullying, cell phone use, texting, blogging, gaming, and identity theft.

For your Scout to earn his Scout rank, in addition to the Youth Protection conversation outlined above, they must earn the Cyber Chip for their grade level. Troop 272 will use the grade level that they will be in for the school year starting September 2016. This will be Grade 6 for most Scouts receiving this email.

Please review the Netsmartz® Scouting site with your Scout and complete the following:

#2: Write and sign a personalized contract with your parent or guardian that outlines rules for using the computer and mobile devices, including what you can download, what you can post, and consequences for inappropriate use.

#3 Watch the video <u>Friend or Fake?</u> and 2 more videos of your choosing to see how friends can help each other stay safer online.

Help your Scout "Be Prepared" to do the following at a meeting no later than June 1st, 2016.

#4 Teach your Troop or another Patrol about Internet safety rules and appropriate online behavior using Mini Activities of your choosing. You will play the part of the teacher. Your Patrol members will be your students. Be sure to refer to the EDGE method for teaching techniques. Each member of the Patrol must have a role and present part of the lesson. You are encouraged to use any additional material and information you have researched.

I, _____, have written a contract and watched the required videos of the Cyber Chip Award with my parents and am prepared to teach this topic to others.

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Scout Signature   Parent Signature