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To My Dear Brother in the Priesthood, and a Varsity Scout:

Congratulations! You made it! You have climbed to the top of a mountain! This achievement required a conscious decision, followed by planning and preparation and constant mental determination and physical exertion. Step by step, you ascended to the summit. Just as you stood on the summit of a mountain, you stand, **"on the summit of the ages". . .in this the "most wonderful season in all the annals of human history."** (President Gordon B. Hinckley, *Ensign*, November 1999, p. 73) What an exciting time to be alive!

As you stood with fellow Varsity Scouts and with your leaders on the top of a mountain, you were able to send and receive signals from other Varsity Scouts and their leaders on distant mountain tops! As you sent out and received signals, we hope you reflected upon the spiritual significance of your accomplishment and upon Him who is the source of that light! Christ declared, **". . .I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life"** (John 8:12). He also said, **"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven"** (Matthew 5:16).

As you stand on "the summit of the ages," may you follow the example of President Gordon B. Hinckley and come to know and look to **Jesus Christ as the light of the world, and may His light shine through you to others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven.** This you can do as step by step you continue to climb the spiritual path that leads to eternal life. With all my heart, I urge you to continue to prepare yourself to receive the Melchizedek Priesthood and the wonderful promises and blessings of the holy temple, and to continue to prepare yourself to serve an honorable full-time mission, and to become a worthy husband and father, after the pattern and example set for us by President Hinckley.

Sincerely,



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