



For official use only

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 10, 2001

I am pleased to send warm greetings to all Varsity Scouts and leaders participating in Operation on Target.

Through this opportunity, you have been given unique vantage points to enjoy the splendor of our beautiful and majestic Nation. Although climbing mountains is a challenge, you will find that, in life, the greater challenge, the greater the reward. I hope this experience has given you full appreciation for the important lesson of the Scout motto: we must "Be Prepared" to overcome obstacles with both cheerfulness and determination.

I applaud the leaders of the Boy Scouts of America for teaching the important values of honor, respect, duty, and service to others. These virtues encourage all Boy Scouts to lead productive lives and to contribute positively to the future of this great Nation.

Best wishes for a rewarding and enjoyable experience.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. W. Bush".

George W. Bush