

Dear Dr. Joy Brown:

I was listening to your show on December 31, 2011 when I heard a comment that continues to bother me. You were describing what parents should do to make sure their sons are socialized. Your comment after your suggestion was “.... if that does not work you can always threaten them with joining the dreaded Boy Scouts.”

This remark, while maybe harmless to you, is offensive to me and many other volunteer Boy Scout leaders and members. I lead a troop of 50 Scouts and 14 trained and uniformed leaders in South Windsor, CT ([www.troop880.com](http://www.troop880.com)). You might want to educate yourself on all the good we and thousands of other Scout troops do for our country. Each Scout spends hundreds of hours on community service and personal skill development (i.e. first aid, citizenship, the environment, lifesaving, camping and countless other skills).

Scouting in Troop 880 is something they love participating in, and we do not advise that any parent force their sons into Scouting. In my experience this would be a mistake. I urge you to look at all the pictures on our website and see for yourself that Scouting can be fun and rewarding.

Next time you want to make a point, please don't use Scouting as a threat.

Respectfully submitted,

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