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Atlanta Area Council Boy Scouts Select New Leader; Tracy Techau Named Scout Executive

ATLANTA (December 2009) – The Atlanta Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America has selected Eagle Scout Tracy Techau to lead the more than 60,000 youth and adult volunteers involved in Scouting in Atlanta. He will serve as Scout Executive and will manage all aspects of the Atlanta Area Council operations, including nearly 70 staff, three camp facilities and an $8 million annual budget.

Mr. Techau joins the Atlanta Area Council at an exciting time, as Atlanta readies for the year-long, 100th birthday celebration of Boy Scouts of America in 2010. Also next year, the $12.3 million expansion of the Bert Adams Scout Reservation in Covington, Ga., will be completed, adding a new swimming pool, dining hall, Judge Jack Langford Nature Center and Cub Scout Stockade.

Known as an energetic leader with more than 25 years experience as a Scouting professional, Mr. Techau was unanimously selected by the Executive Board of the Atlanta Area Council. Previously, he has led several Boy Scout Councils, working in Minnesota, Kansas, Ohio and Illinois. Most recently, Mr. Techau was the Scout Executive/CEO for the Dan Beard Council in Cincinnati, Ohio. There, he directed a $12 million capital campaign to fund and construct a state-of-the-art, technology rich $8 million Scout Achievement Center. From this position, he brings a wealth of Scouting experience, management knowledge and fundraising creativity to the Atlanta Area Council.

Prior to his Scout Executive position in Cincinnati, Mr. Techau served as the Scout Executive in Peoria, Ill., Director of Field Service in Kansas City, Mo., Director of Development and Marketing in Minneapolis, and lastly the District and Field Director in St. Paul. He is a native of Iowa and a graduate of Iowa State University. Tracy and his wife, Jean, have two children.

The Atlanta Area Council's previous Scout Executive, Don McChesney, was promoted to Regional Director of the Northeast Region, Boy Scouts of America. He will become part of Chief Scout Executive Bob Mazzuca's national cabinet.

If you would like more information on Tracy Techau, or the Atlanta Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, please contact Megan Ryan at 770-956-3192.

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About the Atlanta Area Council, Boy Scouts of America:
Since 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has been the nation's foremost program of character development and values-based leadership training for youth ages 7-20. The Atlanta Area Council covers 13 metro-Atlanta Counties including Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Dekalb, Douglas, Fulton, Gwinnett, Haralson, Newton, Paulding, Pickens, and Rockdale. For more information on the Atlanta Area Council, visit www.atlantabsa.org.

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