

# LETTER FROM OUR UNITS LEADER

## Thirty Years Of Trường Sơn

Far away from motherland, longing for those days of Scout activities in Vietnam, a small group of scouts gathered at a park in the city of Westminster to sing, play and tell each other stories of the good days back home. From days of nostalgia, Truong Son has come to life from the hearts and passion of those scouts.

For over a quarter of a century, Lien Doan Truong Son (LDTS) is one of the first Vietnamese Scout troops that have been established in the United States. From a small group, LDTS has developed into more than 170 scouts and 29 leaders for all levels of boy scouts and girl scouts. This great achievement comes from our “hearts and passion”. Scouting is a movement focused on supporting young people in their physical, mental and spiritual development, so that they may become responsible, loyal, brave individuals and leaders of the future. Character training is the purpose of Scouting so our youth can become independent, happy and helpful citizens.

LDTS has fulfilled this task. Our scouts have become good citizens and have actively contributed to our community and our society. As the years passed, they become young adults with their own families and are bringing their children back to Truong Son to follow their parents’ footsteps and help Truong Son and the Scouting movement grow stronger. LDTS contribution to scouting in general and specifically to Vietnamese Scouting abroad has been acknowledged by the Vietnamese community as well as other communities through various scout activities and community events such as Scouting for Food, Food for the Homeless, Toys for Tots, Tet Festival, Moon Festival, Carwash fundraising for victims of natural disasters.

Throughout the years, Truong Son experienced many challenges and obstacles; however, we have surpassed them all. This is a result of the many efforts and perseverance of our leaders, the invaluable support from our parents and the presence of our wonderful scouts. With those qualities, Truong Son will always grow strong and will continue living according to our mission and vision as we have been doing for the past 30 years.

From generation to generation, our Truong Son scouts with their dedicated hearts, minds and passion, will follow their leaders’ ideals to serve the society and contribute to the growth of the Scouting movement. May our dreams come true when we can return to our homeland where we can freely dance and sing to the songs of Scouting that will echo throughout every corner of Vietnam!

**HAPPY 30TH ANNIVERSARY TO LIEN DOAN TRUONG SON!**

**HAPPY 80TH ANNIVERSARY TO VIETNAMESE SCOUTING!**

**HAPPY 100TH ANNIVERSARY TO BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA!**



Yours in Scouting,  
**Đỗ Việt Long**