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Gulf Coast Council BSA Invites the Community to Attend 2nd Annual Integrity Roast Event

Fort Walton Beach, FL - November 7, 2023 - Boy Scouts of America Gulf Coast Council is partnering with several sponsors to hold their 2nd annual Integrity Roast in November. The goal of this event is to recognize and honor legendary leaders in the community for going above and beyond to give back to the Emerald Coast. This year's Integrity Roast will honor Okaloosa County District 5 Commissioner, Mel Ponder, for his dedication to local youth and communities.

"It truly is an honor and pleasure to recognize a man of great character and integrity in Mel Ponder. Mel has been a leader in this community for many years, serving with a heart of commitment and unity. Both his personal and business standards are centered around trustworthiness, dependability, and treating others with respect. The fundamental beliefs of the Scouts are, duty to God, duty to others, and duty to self. Likewise, this reflects the core of the Mel Ponder persona."

-Bernard Johnson, Integrity Roast Event Chair

The Gulf Coast Council BSA 2nd Annual Integrity Roast will be held at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, November 30th, at 109 Brooks St. SE, Fort Walton Beach. Individual tickets cost \$75 and will include a buffet-style dinner and drinks. The event will also feature a "roast" of Mel Ponder. All event proceeds benefit the Gulf Coast Council. [Click Here](#) to register or [Contact Greg Voyzey](#) for event sponsorship opportunities.



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About Boy Scouts of America Gulf Coast Council

Boy Scouts of America Gulf Coast Council serves over 2,500 youth across eight counties in the Florida panhandle and three counties in Alabama. [Boy Scouts of America](#) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. The Scout Law states that a Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. The Scout Oath states, “On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.”