

AG Fitch and Boy Scouts Host 4th Annual Scout Out Opioids



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Lynn Fitch

(Jackson, Mississippi) This weekend, Attorney General Lynn Fitch, in collaboration with the Andrew Jackson Council of the Boy Scouts of America, hosted **Scout Out Opioids**, a program to raise awareness with Scouts and their families of the dangers of opioids and offer techniques for reducing opioid abuse and misuse for them and their loved ones.

"Together we can ensure that young people are aware of the dangerous consequences of opioids and equipped with the tools they need to save the lives of those around them," **said Attorney General Lynn Fitch**. "Early education is key to preventing the misuse of these dangerous drugs. Thank you to the Boy Scouts of America for partnering with us and investing in the next generation of leaders."

As part of **Scout Out Opioids**, Scouts attending Winter Camp at Hood Scout Reservation heard from staff from the Attorney General's Office on opioid addiction and abuse. Additionally, Scouts wrote letters offering their support to families throughout Mississippi who have lost loved ones due to the opioid crisis. For their participation, all Scouts received a Scout Out Opioids patch.

"Over the weekend, the Andrew Jackson Council was able to present leadership from the Attorney General's Office of Mississippi and inform more than 500 Scouts and Scouters of the challenges that face our youth through opioid and over-the-counter products like vaping," **said Kenneth P. Kercheval, Scout Executive and CEO of Scouting America-Andrew Jackson Council**.

"The presentation was age-appropriate, captivating, and informative to all who were present. Thanks to Attorney General Lynn Fitch and her office, all Scouts left with a kit of ways to protect themselves and their friends, educate their parents, a drug disposal bag, and, of course, a patch. It is in our Scout Oath to be physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight. We were proud to be able to partner in the delivery of this presentation. Hopefully, the Scouts will share this information and make the right decisions when faced with choices that can affect their lives or their friends' lives."

As part of Attorney General Fitch's **One Pill Can Kill** initiative, the Attorney General's Office is distributing Fentanyl Harm Prevention Kits, which include

two fentanyl test strips, one drug disposal bag used to deactivate unused or expired drugs, and a pill identification card to colleges and universities, law enforcement agencies, community mental health centers, and other community groups across the State. Additionally, [in 2024, Attorney General Fitch introduced her Emergency Overdose Boxes](#), which can be mounted in public places and include naloxone and other tools needed to prevent a deadly overdose. The Emergency Overdose Boxes were developed in coordination with Harbor Path, a nonprofit dedicated to putting naloxone within arm's reach of anyone who needs it.

Learn how you can get an Emergency Overdose Box or Fentanyl Harm Prevention Kits for your community by emailing onepill@ago.ms.gov.

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