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## **Local Boy Scout to Serve as Delegate in DC for Report to the Nation**

Columbus, Ohio — Local Cub Scout Te'Lario Watkins II has been selected by the national office of the Boy Scouts of America to serve as a delegate for the annual Report to the Nation taking place March 9-14, 2019 in Washington, DC.

This is the first time a Scout from Central Ohio has been selected to serve in this special role where he be one of a few to represent the 2-million youth members of the Boy Scouts of America in our nation's capital.

Watkins II became somewhat of a local celebrity when he started Tiger Mushroom Farms at age seven while working on one of his Cub Scout advancements. He has since grown his business, selling his shiitake and oyster mushrooms, along with shiitake-and-onion soup mix at 10 farmers markets, several restaurants, two grocery stores and a hospital. He has also been recognized for his accomplishments as an active "Hunger Hero" where he volunteers his time with Food Rescue US helping to provide meals for those in need and reduce food waste in our community.

Watkins II success as a young entrepreneur and Hunger Hero have led to an appearance on the Steve Harvey Show as well as being selected as one of "20 Under 20" by the Mayor of Columbus.

For more information and to schedule an interview with Te'Lario either before or following his trip to DC, please contact Jen Koma with the Simon Kenton Council at [jen.koma@scouting.org](mailto:jen.koma@scouting.org) or (614) 735-4709.

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About Simon Kenton Council:

The Simon Kenton Council is one of the largest Boy Scout councils in the nation, serving 18 counties in central and southern Ohio, and Greenup County in northern Kentucky. The Council is staffed by more than 40 professional and administrative Scouters with more than 6,700 adult volunteers delivering the scouting program to more than 18,000 youth. For more information, please visit the website at [www.skscouts.org](http://www.skscouts.org)