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Berkeley Heights Scout to meet the President

A delegation of nine young people from across the country will be in Washington this week to meet the President of the United States. One of those nine will be Webelos Scout Vasant Bhardwaj of Pack 368, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey. He will present the Boy Scouts of America's 100th anniversary "Report to the Nation" to Congress, which will highlight the BSA's achievements in service to the Nation, conservation, healthy living, leadership development and community involvement.

"For 100 years, the BSA has worked to teach young Americans the importance of doing their duty to their country," Chief Scout Executive Bob Mazzuca said. "This delegation of young people and report present a great opportunity to discuss the significant and positive impact we've had on young Americans, families, and communities, but also to identify how we can continue this tradition of service and leadership well into our next century."

Vasant and his Scouting colleagues will be getting an "insider's view" of Washington. He will meet the Speaker of the House, John Boehner, as well as Senate Majority and Minority leaders Harry Reid and Mitch McConnell. From there, the Scouts will visit top officials such as CIA Director Leon Panetta, Secretary of Defense and Eagle Scout Robert Gates, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Trips will be made to the White House, Pentagon, Supreme Court, and Secret Service – just to name a few.

While in the nation's capital, Vasant is proudly representing nearly 3 million young people who make up the Scouting program, which delivers a unique blend of fun, fulfilling activities while teaching our youth timeless values of citizenship, character and leadership.

Photo attached:

Webelos Scout Vasant Bhardwaj with his trophy-winning Pinewood Derby car at Pack 368's Pinewood Derby competition on Saturday Feb 5.

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