



National Capital Area Council, BSA

OUTDOOR PROGRAMS 2025

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is Outdoor Programs 2025?

It is a strategic effort of the Council to seek the views of our Scouting Community on how our Council's outdoor programs and facilities should change and evolve to remain relevant to at least 2050.

2. Why now?

The BSA has been in upheaval in recent years, with membership rule changes, the bankruptcy, and the pandemic. All of this turmoil is now behind us, so our Scouting Community can embrace the opportunity to look forward to the next 5 to 25 years and provide their views on what our Council's outdoor programs and facilities should be in the future.

3. Who is involved in this effort?

We would like to give everyone in the Council, from individuals and units to the Districts, the opportunity to make their views known through surveys, face-to-face meetings and listening sessions.

4. How is this effort organized?

There are nine Focus Groups, ranging from Cubs to Venturing and High Adventure to Districts, to represent the various groups in the Council who have an interest in the future of NCAC outdoor programs and facilities. Ideally, each Focus Group will have representative of each District in the Council and will be the means to reach out to individuals, units, and Districts for their views on how our outdoor programs and facilities should change to meet our Scouting Community's current and future needs.

5. How long will this effort take?

The entire effort, from seeking the views of our Scouting Community to delivering an action plan for the future, will take about 18 months. The vision that we develop will take years to realize but will guide our actions once the project is complete.



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6. What changes can we expect from this effort?

The council will use the views of the Scouting Community to continue, modify, add, and delete outdoor programs and facilities to best meet the expressed needs of the Scouting Community for the next 25 years. Some changes may be immediate because they are easy to implement, while other changes will occur later because they take more planning and resources.

7. Is the intent of this process to determine if NCAC properties should be sold?

This initiative and process is designed to obtain feedback from our Scouting community on how the council can best deliver outdoor programs over the next 25 years. We want to understand how we can best serve the Scouts and families of today and tomorrow with outdoor programs and what facilities are best for that purpose.

8. Is this process in response to the BSA Bankruptcy Settlement?

No. NCAC has already made its contribution to the BSA Bankruptcy Settlement, so it does not need to sell one of its properties for this purpose.