

# Scouts in Action

As we celebrate our nation's **250th anniversary**, our Council is proud to stand with **Scouting America** and the **America250** initiative in celebrating this historic milestone. Together, we are launching an exciting lineup of **programs, events, and challenges** designed to honor America's past, strengthen our communities today, and inspire the next generation of leaders. Throughout 2026, Scouts, families, and community partners will have **meaningful opportunities** to learn, serve, explore, and celebrate, all while taking part in a Council-wide America 250 Challenge that invites everyone to join the adventure and make history.

## Key Objectives

- 1.) Celebrate with public-facing events and storytelling;
- 2.) Create durable partnerships that outlast 2026;
- 3.) Build a solid financial foundation for Scouting's future;
- 4.) Integrate 250-themed program across camping, advancement, and training;
- 5.) Mobilize every Scout/unit for Scouting America's Impact365 service hours.
- 6.) Provide the Council with photos and videos from community engagements to support broad, strategic public outreach.

## Events

**America250 Goshen Scout Reservation Visits** on June 25th and July 9th featuring a celebration of America's birthday and a tour of Goshen.

**The Great American Scouting Picnic** on August 8th, at Camp William B. Snyder featuring a celebratory picnic marking the conclusion of the 2026 camp season, the kickoff of the 2027 season, and a powerful patriotic tribute featuring 250 U.S. flags presented by units from across our Council.

**National Day of Service - Scouting for Food** on November 14, 2026

## The 25 of 250 Challenge

### How it works

- Scouts, Scouters, or units choose any 25 items from the official Council 250 Menu between Jan 1–December 31, 2026.
- Participants log service in Scoutbook for Impact365 and fill out the "25 of 250" completion form on NCAC's America 250 webpage.

### Recognition

- Patch for purchase upon completion of the challenge.
- Unit streamer for units that complete the "25 of 250" challenge.



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## Four Cornerstone Programs

### Q1 Jan–Mar Theme: Strengthening Our Community

- Establish meaningful in-person relationships with 250 new organizations, expanding Scouting America's reach and community impact.
- Volunteer for flag ceremonies, public events, speaking engagements, and chartered organization activities.

**Q2 Apr–Jun Theme: Growing our Legacy** Achieve 250 new \$1,000 endowment commitments as part of the Patio Endowment campaign, with each contribution honored through a dedicated 250 commemorative brick.

**Q3 July – Sept Theme: Celebrating Outdoor Adventure** Collect 250 photos of Scouts celebrating this patriotic year at NCAC summer camps during flag ceremonies and all other activities.

**Q4 Oct – Dec Theme: Dedication to Service:** Strengthen Scouting for Food participation by adding 250 new units to the campaign and raising food donations by an additional 250,000 pounds compared to 2025, positioning our Council to reach a historic 1,000,000 pounds collected in the 2026.

