

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 25, 2026 and July 9, 2026 featuring a celebration of America's birthday and a tour of Goshen.

The Great American Scouting Picnic on August 8, 2026 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 January 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.



National Capital Area Council



Four Cornerstone Program Launches

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.

