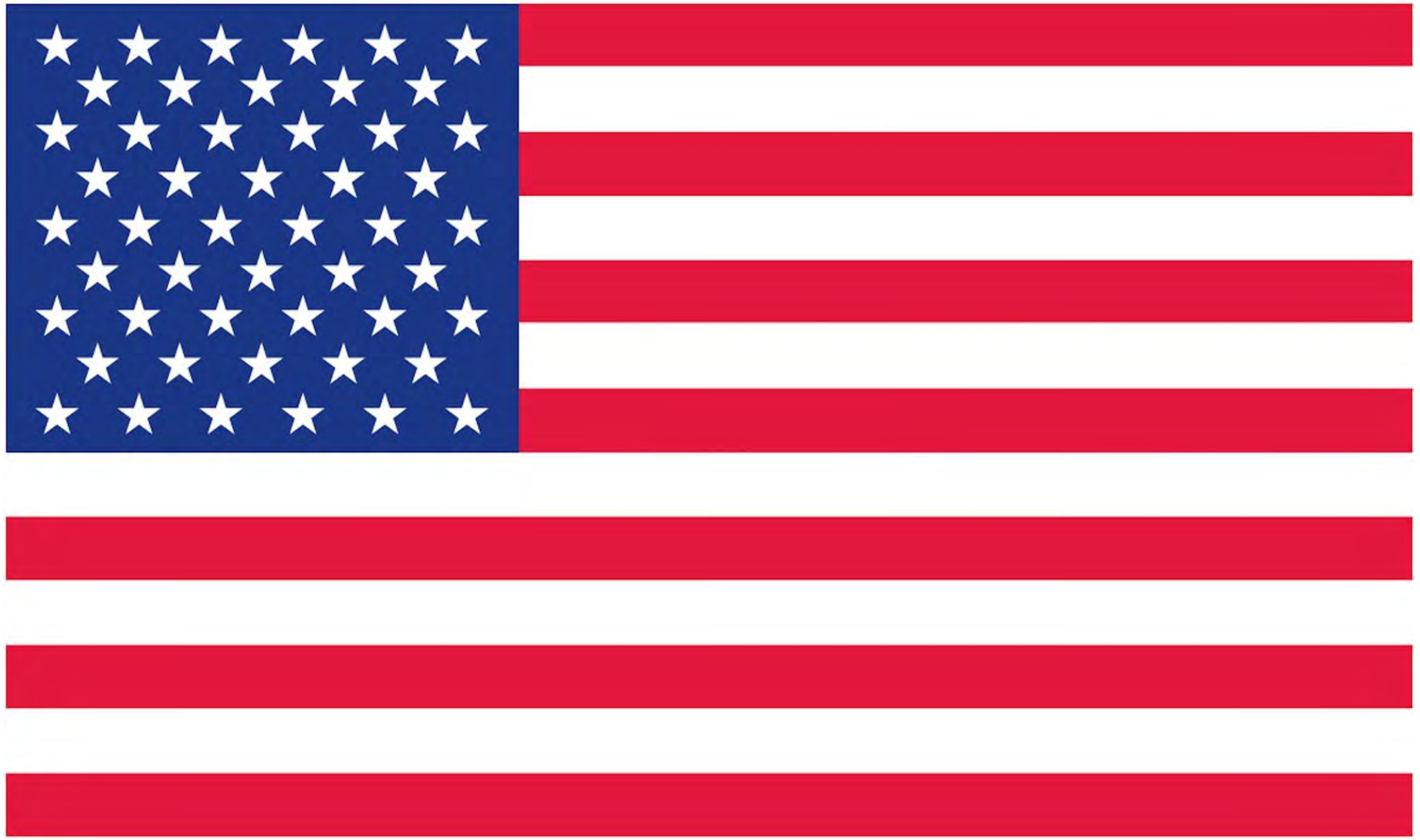




Cardinal District Roundtable
5 June 2025



District Chair's Update



Tim Forrest
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District Chair's Update

Holly Springs Salamanders Scout Night

- **Date:** Friday, June 13, 2025
- **Location:** Ting Park, Holly Springs
- **Details:** A fun evening of baseball for Scouts and their families

Scouter's Compass Podcast

- **Launch Date:** June 2, 2025
- **Details:** A new podcast series for Scouters, featuring interviews and insights.

District Chair's Update

Fall Recruiting Planning: Units are encouraged to finalize their fall recruiting plans, including scheduling activities, promoting to families, and coordinating with schools. A Council Recruiting Kickoff is scheduled for June, followed by district-specific events.

Council Popcorn Sale: Registration is open for the annual popcorn fundraiser. Over 70% of the proceeds support local Scouting programs. The Council provides resources to make the sale straightforward for units.

Additional Notes

- Encourage units to share photos and stories from recent events to be featured in district communications.

District Commissioner's Update



Patrick Sperlein
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District Commissioner's Updates

- Summer Activities Tracking - once again, the Council needs to gather data on summer activity participation.
 - Pack - Did your pack participate in a Summer Outdoor Activity? If yes, where?
 - Troops - Did your Troop go on a long-term outing? If yes, where? High Adventure trips do count. If your Troop goes more than one location, please indicate.
 - Crews and Ship - Did your unit go on a Tier 3 or Super Activity? If yes, where?
 - All Units - How many people are participating (youth and adults)
- This information is needed by the August Roundtable - 7 August 2025

District Commissioner's Updates

- Range and Target Activities Stand Down
 - Caused by an archery incident at the Summit Bechtel Reserve - a non-scouting group was using the range, provided their own staff, and an injury occurred.
 - The National Key-3 sent an email to High Adventure Base, CST, and Council leadership calling for an immediate stand down of all range activities pending an incident review.
 - The National Key-3 sent a list of requirements to HABs and Councils to allow for the resumption of range activities.
 - Mr. Flowers returned the form to National, indicating that Occoneechee is in compliance with the requirements that were listed and are ready to resume range activities.

2026 National Jamboree



- Contingent Registration is open - cost is \$2500.
- For more contingent information:
2026NSJ.421@gmail.com
- For staff information:
<https://jamboree.scouting.org/staff/>

District Professionals's Update



Tyler Perkinson

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Alicia Thomas

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District Executive's Update

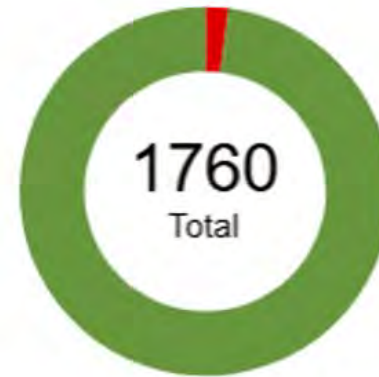
- Summer and Fall Recruitment
 - If you have summer activities, please let us know so we can promote meetings at recruitment events
- Council Fall Recruitment Training
 - August 2nd 10 am-12 pm. Anyone associated with packs or troops interested in building membership should attend. Lunch provided!
- Individualized Membership Plans – please fill these out today!
- Scout Card
 - Sale ends on June 13. Please turn in cards to the council office before June 27. Prizes will be announced the following week.

YPT Update and Safety Moment



Philip Mann
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District Safeguarding Youth Update



Never Taken	0	0%
Expired	35	2.0%
Current	1725	98.0%
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0 - 14 Days to Expire	16	0.9%
15 - 25 Days to Expire	7	0.4%
26 - 60 Days to Expire	24	1.4%
61 - 90 Days to Expire	11	0.6%
91+ Days to Expire	1667	94.7%

Adult leaders in units are considered “trained” and eligible to wear the official Trained emblem when they have completed **Safe Guarding Youth Training, Hazardous Weather Training** and the training courses outlined in the [Position Trained Requirements document](#).

Safety Moment: Summer Safety

As summer adventures begin, **safety is our top priority!** Use this [checklist](#) to stay prepared, alert, and ready for fun in the sun.

“A Scout is never taken by surprise; he knows what to do when anything unexpected happens.”
— **Baden-Powell**

Heat and Hydration Smarts

- Carry and sip water regularly — don't wait to feel thirsty
- Schedule intense activity for cooler times of day
- Pack shade options (tarp or umbrella) and cooling aids (wet bandanas)
- Make your own electrolyte drink with salt, sugar/honey, and citrus juice

Essential Water Safety

- Always wear a properly fitted life jacket during water sports
- Use the buddy system — never swim alone
- Practice “Reach or Throw, Don't Go” in rescue situations
- Assess natural water for hazards like currents or drop-offs

Smart Sun Protection

- Apply SPF 30+ sunscreen 15–30 mins before going outside
- Reapply every 2 hours, or after swimming/sweating
- Use the “shadow rule” — short shadow = high UV, seek shade
- Wear lightweight UPF-rated long sleeves and pants

Campfire and Insect Vigilance

- Clear 10-ft fire zone and keep water & shovel nearby
- Fully extinguish fires: Drown, Stir, Drown Again
- Wear long clothes to deter ticks and insects
- Perform full-body tick checks after outdoor activity; remove ticks with tweezers

Program Update

#ADVENTUREON

Chris Harmon
chrisnc00@gmail.com

Assistance Needed

- ❖ 2025 Muslim Family Camp
 - Assistance is needed in the kitchen and with range and target activities
- ❖ Contact Mohammed Arafa for more information
 - Email:
mohammed.arafa@gmail.com



Scan the QR code to fill out a form to indicate areas where you may be able to assist with future events.

Upcoming Cub Scout Events

Dates	Event Name	Location
12-14 June 2025	Cub Scout Summer Camporee	Camp Durant
23-27 June 2025	Cub Scout Day Camp	
19 July 2025	Cub Scout STEM Day	
23 August 2025	Cub Scout Fishing Derby	
24-26 October 2025	Spook-O-Ree	Camp Durant

Registration information for Council events is available on the Occoneechee Council website

summer CUBOREE

Cubs of the Roundtable

JUNE 12-14

Hark!

Come Cub Knights and gentlefolk and embark upon a journey to the fair Camp Durant for a time filled with adventure and cheer!

Partake in the merriment of summers bounty:

- ✦ Noble art of Target Sports
- ✦ Reach new peaks at ye Climbing Tower
- ✦ Delight in a cool Swim
- ✦ Create treasures in Arts and Crafts
- ✦ Feast together around the table of fellowship
- ✦ New AOLs let the quest begin to prepare for the path ahead

Youth: \$100
Adult: \$30

Register: OCScouts.org

Registration closes 6/1



Upcoming Scouts BSA Events

Dates	Event Name	Location
20-22 February 2026	Cardinal District Klondike	Camp Durant

Upcoming Older Youth Events

Dates	Event Name	Location
5-13 July 2025	Commodore's Cruise	Oriental, NC
20-22 February 2026	Cardinal District Klondike	Camp Durant

Registration information for Council events is available on the Occonechee Council website

Summer Sports Events

Dates	Host Team	Location
13 June 2025	Holly Springs Salamanders	Holly Springs
14/15 June 2025	Durham Bulls	Durham
11 July 2025	NC Football Club	Cary
26/27 July 2025	Durham Bulls	Durham
1/2 August 2025	Fayetteville Woodpeckers	Fayetteville
8 August 2025	Carolina Mudcats	Zebulon
13 September 2025	NC Courage	Cary

JAMES E. WEST

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

FELLOWSHIP

CAMP TOUR & PROGRAM

JUNE 26, 2025

15:30 Arrival & Camp Tour
16:30 Program
18:00 Flagpole & Dinner



Camp Durant Campgrounds
4637 Old Carthage Rd
Carthage, NC 28327

RSVP BY JUNE 16TH

ENSURING THE FUTURE OF SCOUTING IN THE OCCONEECHEE COUNCIL

Training Updates

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David Dearman – dgdearman41403@gmail.com

Patrick Connelly – patrick@deadlypenguin.com

Input on Training Needs

The Training Committee is seeking input on training courses that would benefit your unit, its leaders, and Cardinal District as a whole.

Please complete the Google Form with this information so the Training Committee knows what courses to focus on offering.

For questions, please contact Larry Williams, Dave Dearman, or Patrick Connelly



Training Opportunities

Dates	Course Title	Location
2 August	Fall Volunteer Recruitment Training	Fuquay-Varina UMC
5-7 September 2025 4-5 October 2025	Wood Badge	Camp Durant
5-7 September 2025 3-5 October 2025	National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)	Camp Durant
3-5 October 2025	Tower Level 1 Training	Camp Durant
24-26 October 2025	Leave No Trace Level 1	Camp Reeves
1 November 2025	University of Scouting	Pine Spring Prep Academy

Registration information for District/Council events is available on the Occonechee Council website

First Aid Training Courses

- ❖ First Aid, CPR, AED (Blended Learning)
 - Offered the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Council Office
 - Registration is available on the Council website
- ❖ Wilderness First Aid
 - Each Week at Summer Camp
 - 4 October 2025 @ Camp Durant



Wood Badge

15-421-25

Sep. 5-7, 2025

+
Oct. 4-5, 2025



You're Invited to Attend Wood Badge!

Are you a Scouter looking to strengthen your leadership skills, empower others to lead, and deliver impactful programming in your unit? Whether you are new to Scouting or have been a Scouter for years, **THIS YEAR is YOUR YEAR to do WOOD BADGE!**

Wood Badge is Scouting's ultimate leadership training course for adults. The course offers a 5-day immersion in the theory, practice, and experience of developing teams, communicating effectively, leading change, and so much more. The skills, tools, and resources you return with will benefit all areas of your life, not just in Scouting.

"I HAVE ATTENDED MANY LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING EVENTS IN MY LIFE. THIS IS THE FIRST THAT WAS NOT ONLY INFORMATIVE, BUT FUN!" -A 15-421-24 PARTICIPANT

"ATTEND WOOD BADGE EARLY ON IN SCOUTING LEADERSHIP. IT WILL MAKE YOU A BETTER LEADER FOR YOUTH" -A 15-421-24 PARTICIPANT

HOW:

- Register at ocscouts.org/wood-badge
- Cost is \$525 (if cost is a concern, please let us know)
- Must attend both weekends in full.

WHO:

- All registered Scouters, ages 18+, in all program areas (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts, Venturing, Exploring, District, and Council).

WHERE:

- Camp Durant, Carthage, NC



Scouting America
Occonechee Council



OUTSTANDING SCOUTS NEEDED



CALLING ALL OUTSTANDING SCOUTS!

Occonechee Council's Wood Badge Course needs 10 outstanding Scouts to help staff 15-421-25's course.

Qualifications:

15-20 years old

ILST/ILSC/ILSS training (NYLT preferred)

Unit Leader Recommendation

**PLEASE CONTACT
KELLY BRADBURY**

kellbrad75@gmail.com





Attend National Youth Leadership Training at Camp Durant in 2025!

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is an exciting and powerful program designed to provide members of Troops, Crews, & Ships (*ages 13 and over*) with leadership skills and experience they can use to lead themselves and others. This six-day-long outdoor experience represents a month in the model life of a typical Scout unit. The six days are split between two weekends at Camp Durant. This course is designed to complement leadership training at the unit level and is a follow on to Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops.

Dates: 5-7 Sep & 3-5 Oct
(Participants must attend all 6 days)

The NYLT course centers on the concepts of what a leader must BE, KNOW, and DO.

The objectives of the course are to:

- Provide a toolbox of leadership skills
- Relate these skills to leading in their unit
- Instill knowledge and confidence to run the unit program
- Enhance relationship between the Scout and the unit
- Share ideas and experiences with other Scouts
- Experience Scouting at its best
- Have fun!



FUN

Challenging

Adventure

LEARNING

Excitement

That's how Scouts describe NYLT!

<https://ocscouts.org/training/nylt/>



Advancement Update



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Advancement & Recognition

- CUB SCOUTS
 - Ranks 603
 - Adventures 4628
 - AOL 114
- SCOUTS BSA
 - Ranks 408
 - Eagles 40
 - Merit Badges 939
- VENTURE
 - Ranks 11
 - Summit 0
- SEA SCOUTS
 - Ranks 1
 - Quartermaster 0

Merit Badge Counselor Resources

Merit badges are an integral part of the Scouting America advancement method. This is a review and reference to the latest policies, procedures, and frequent questions with answers, that current and new merit badge counselors need to know. Changes related to merit badges and merit badge counselors are frequently made. Always use the resource links below to stay up to date.

The Guide to Advancement allows the Occoneechee Advancement Committee to:

- Determine the method they register counselors
- Limit the maximum number of badges each counselor can register (currently 20)
- Approve the badges each individual counselor is approved to teach

100% of what current and new Occoneechee merit badge counselors need to know is documented via online resources, use the links below and review frequently.

Merit Badge Counselor Resources

Latest Merit Badge Updates:

- Scouting America announced in May 2025, they posted full content merit badge pamphlets, that are downloadable for free! The printed merit badge pamphlets will still be available for purchase at the Scout Shop, if desired. [LATEST DETAILS](#)
- Citizenship in Society merit badge does not have a pamphlet by design.
- The listed badge requirements in the merit badge pamphlets should NEVER be considered accurate. The most current badge requirements are on Scouting.Org.
- Previous year badge requirements have moved and are available in each Scout's individual advancement listing in Scoutbook Plus. Scouts are allowed to complete a merit badge partial, based on the requirements in the year they started the badge.

Merit Badge Counselor Resources

Resources for Merit Badge Counselors:

- [National Scouting.Org Merit Badge and Merit Badge Counselor resources](#)
- [Scoutbook Plus](#) – Previous Requirements under each Scout's advancement
- [Guide to Advancement 2025](#) – Chapter 7 – The Merit Badge Program
- [Occonechee Council Merit Badge Council resources](#)

Steps to Qualify and Register as a Merit Badge Counselor in Occonechee Council

- Read the Occonechee Council specific merit badge counselor [policies and procedures](#)
- Seriously! Everything you need to know is detailed in Occonechee's [policies and procedures!](#)

Recognition Opportunities for New Eagle Scouts



Dave Gardener



Sandra Edens (Post 124)



Ryan Briggs

General Session – Succession Planning

Succession Planning

Finding new leaders when positions are vacant can be stressful for the unit, so it is important to have a leader succession plan in place. Succession planning is an ongoing process where current leaders are regularly identifying potential new leaders, and then are helping them learn and grow to be experienced leaders themselves. A succession plan can create a culture of volunteering within your unit and will improve overall unit success.

Succession Planning

Here are some ideas to help you with your succession planning!

- Identify roles to be filled – make a list of unit positions, and when you will need a successor for that position. Describe the responsibilities of each role – knowing what is expected will make new leaders more comfortable with volunteering.
- Know who is available – make a list of adults who are not currently in a leadership role or adults who are ready to try a new role.
- Determine the skills of your potential new leaders – use parent/family surveys, either in writing or through conversation. This helps you understand which skills, abilities, and previous experiences potential new leaders have.

Succession Planning

- Ask for help – sometimes new members aren't sure how to begin volunteering or even if they are welcome to join. By asking for help, even if for small jobs at first, you can make these new members feel welcome and needed.
- Get the commitment – be sure the new leader understands and accepts the responsibilities for the position they are filling and that other leaders are all on board, and then complete the paperwork for membership.

Succession Planning

- Train the new leaders. After a volunteer has committed to take on a leadership role, be sure to provide them with all the necessary training to do the job. Because you planned ahead, your new leaders can shadow your experienced leaders to help ensure a smooth turnover.
- Say thank you! While most Scout leaders do not volunteer to receive recognition, it is always a good idea to take the time to thank your leaders for the work they do and for giving their time to Scouting

Breakout Sessions



Den Leader Resource Card
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What's Next?



**Next Month's Roundtable:
7 August 2025**