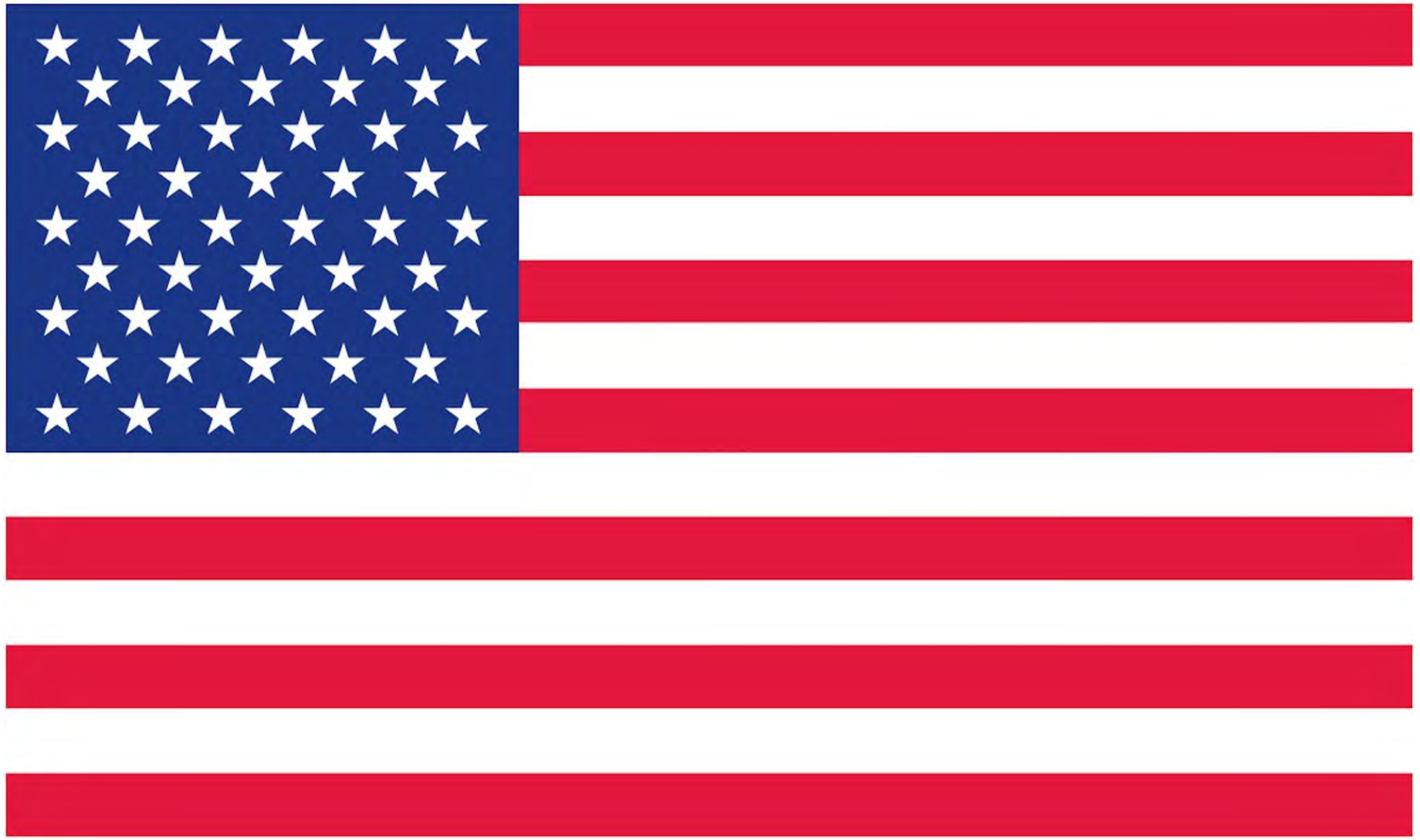




Cardinal District Roundtable
2 October 2025



District Chair's Update



Tim Forrest
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District Chair's Update

Priorities for Cardinal District, Scouting America

- Recharter & Safeguard (May 2026)
- Membership and Onboarding (Grow + Keep what you recruit)
- Program Quality & Unit Support
- District Awards are coming up! Be Prepared!
- District Committee Nominations should start meeting later in August. (Larry Williams)

District Commissioner's Update



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District Commissioner's Updates

- Membership and Unit Renewal
 - Some Membership Renewals will come due soon, and many more will come due in December
 - Most Unit Renewals will come due in December
 - National has released a video to help units prepare for Membership and Unit Renewals:
 - <https://www.facebook.com/reel/773814085146748>
- Start your preparations now!
 - Review your roster of scouts and leaders in my.scouting.org - do NOT rely on a roster in Scoutbook or any other web service
 - Review your leadership roster for accuracy and completeness - identify any changes you may wish to make for the new year
 - Ensure connections exist between Scouts and at least one Parent
- If your unit is not going to renew, please let me know as soon as possible!

District Commissioner's Updates

The Commissioner Service is looking willing leaders to serve as:

- Unit Commissioners
- Roundtable Commissioners

Interested in learning more?
Contact your friendly local
District Commissioner!



District Commissioner's Updates

- Congratulations to the Cardinal Scout and Scouters in the 2026 Vigil Honor Class:
 - Melissa Wesdock, Duane Grotheer, Dave Knudson, Trevor Rubino
- Thank you for your help with Summer Activity data. It was found that 83% of Troops, Crews, and Ships in the Council participated in some kind of Long Term Camp, Tier III Activity, or Super Activity. That's a 6% increase from 2024.
- There is plenty of space remaining in the Council Contingent for the 2026 National Scout Jamboree. The Council will send two boys troops and one girls troop (in concert with surrounding councils).



2026 National Jamboree



Who – All scouts ages 12-17 years old
Registered Adult Leaders

Where – Summit Bechtel, West Virginia

When – July 22-31, 2026

How...much does it cost and how to register –



Paid in full by Dec 31, 2025 - \$2,350
After Dec 31, 2025 - \$2,500

Registration & Payments –

<https://www.scoutingevent.com/421-NationalJamboree2026>

Questions can be emailed to:

2026NSJ.421@gmail.com

What...do you get for your Money???

- ❖ Admission to the National Jamboree
- ❖ Transportation to and from the Summit Bechtel Reserve (Jamboree location)
- ❖ **Jamboree Swag:** (Official Jamboree Unit Number & Patches, Council Jamboree Patch Sets, T-shirts, 130L Duffle Bag, Day Pack, a Jamboree Hat and an Official Jamboree Neckerchief)
- ❖ Jamboree Troop meetings and a contingent shakedown event
- ❖ All Troop gear such as cots, tents, stoves, troop cook gear, tables, etc. that will be provided by Summit and Council
- ❖ Participants are responsible for their own uniforms (at least one complete field uniform), personal gear (i.e. mess kit, water bottle, sleeping gear, sunscreen, toiletries, etc.), and spending money



2026 National Jamboree - Staff

What makes a Jamboree awesome? What is the key to a world-class, life changing experience? **It's you!** If you love Scouting and being part of a high functioning team that delivers amazing experiences, then we want you on the 2026 National Jamboree Staff Team. The 2026 Jamboree will ELEVATE the Scouting experience for thousands of youth, and no matter your skillset, we need you to help deliver the promise of this historic event.

When –

July 19- 31 (Session 1 – Full)

July 19-25 (Session2 - one week)

July 25- 31 (Session 3 – one week)

How...much does it cost????

Staff Aged 30 and Older

Staff full fee – \$1,060 for the full duration

Staff partial fee – \$700 for one week of attendance

Staff Aged 29 and Under

Reduced Staff full fee – \$650 for the full duration

Reduced Staff partial fee – \$400 for one week of attendance



Registration & Payments –

<https://jamboree.scouting.org/staff/>

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Council Commissioner's Update



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Council Commissioner's Update

Commissioner Recognition

Camp Durant 2025 Program Update

The Durant Grace
At the time of the day when we country grew
And those who, Oh Lord, for this mark
We're grateful for health, fellowship and fun,
And the Scouting movement that we feel.





Scouts, BSA

Attendance Statistics

- 1,109 total Summer Scouts BSA campers
 - 854 Scouts BSA Youth
 - 255 Scouts BSA Adults
- 62 Provisional Campers
- 134 Trailblazers
- 17 Councils Represented
- 10 States Represented
- 62 Units in attendance





Advancements Earned

- Top 5 Merit Badges Earned:
 - First Aid
 - Swimming
 - Sculpture
 - Archery
 - Fingerprinting
- 2,343 Merit Badges Earned
- 433 Eagle Required Earned



Cub Scouts

Summer Cub-o-ree

- 384 Cub-o-ree Campers
 - 215 Youth
 - 169 Adults
- Total Packs
 - CA: 10
 - ER: 17
 - SH: 10
 - NS: 7



Adult Training

- 46 completed Wilderness First Aid Certification Course
- 65 completed First Aid/CPR/AED Certification Training
- 27 completed Paddlecraft Safety
- 29 Completed Swimming & Water Rescue
- 39 Completed Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat
- 0 Games of Softball Won...





2026 Camp Durant
Information Guide
coming this month!

Camp Durant Construction Update

WELCOME TO CAMP DURANT
COME WITH US AND BUILD LEADERS

Occoneechee Council is spending over \$540k in camp improvements in 2025

Grand Lodge changes

Female bathroom waiting permits

Underwent a black mold abatement

Waterfront site grading complete, waiting for permits to begin construction of new facility

Rifle range upgrade complete

Beech campsite bathhouse demolished; about to begin construction of new building

Upgraded radio network (radios and antenna)

New storage and classroom facilities for ATV

Sixteen (16) new metal roofs for campsite shelters

Seven (7) orienteering course available for use year round

Camp Durant Construction Update



District Professional's Update



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District Executive's Update

- Fall Recruitment Underway: 165 new youth in September
- Keeping momentum going in October: community events and Youth talks, please check your emails for updates from me!
- Continue checking out our newsletter and Facebook for updates
- Still need help for promotion in community spaces: tutoring centers, Soccer fields, etc.
 - Can you help put a flyer or a yard sign up in these spaces?
- I have 7 in 1 flashlight tools available today for new Scouts!!
- Thank you for all that you do <3, if there's something I can do to help, reach out

SYT Update and Safety Moment



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District Safeguarding Youth Update



Never Taken	0	0%
Expired	9	0.5%
Current	1762	99.5%

0 - 14 Days to Expire	14	0.8%
15 - 25 Days to Expire	10	0.6%
26 - 60 Days to Expire	67	3.8%
61 - 90 Days to Expire	187	10.6%
91+ Days to Expire	1484	83.8%

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: Anaphylaxis: Recognize, Treat, Prevent

What it is

- A sudden, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction
- It can occur within minutes or be delayed for hours after exposure
- **Rapid treatment with epinephrine is critical;** untreated anaphylaxis can be fatal



Prevention checklist

- Review Annual Health & Medical Record (AHMR) before events.
- **Confirm allergen(s), prior symptoms, and anaphylaxis plan with family/youth**
- Verify unexpired epinephrine on person; recommend two doses and ensure others know location/use

If reaction occurs: immediate actions

- Call 911 and get help
- Administer epinephrine immediately if available; do not delay.
- Position: sit or lie down; monitor breathing; be prepared for CPR; never leave alone.
- If symptoms persist or return, give a second epinephrine dose.

Program Update

#ADVENTUREON

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Assistance Needed



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
24-26 October 2025	Spook-O-Ree	Camp Durant
8 November 2025	Cub Open Program Day	Camp Durant

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

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
20-22 February 2026	Cardinal District Klondike	Camp Durant
20-27 June 2026	Commodore's Cruise	Norfolk, VA
27 June to 4 July 2026		Baltimore, MD

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

Upcoming OA Events

Dates	Event Name	Location
18-19 October 2025	Occoneechee Vigil Gathering	Camp Durant
15 November 2025	Occoneechee LLD	Camp Durant
6 December 2025	Occoneechee Lodge Banquet	Camp Durant

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

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**CONNECTING OLDER SCOUTS TO
HIGH-ADVENTURE AND THE OUTDOORS**

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Training Updates

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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



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This high-adventure learning experience will connect you to activities you might not be familiar with while revitalizing those you already enjoy! Tailored to all Scouts aged 14 and above, along with adult Scouting leaders, NeXus is precisely what you need to reignite the enthusiasm within your unit or District!



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Philmont Leadership Challenge

Training Opportunities

Dates	Course Title	Location
3-5 October 2025	Tower Level 1 Training	Camp Durant
24-26 October 2025	Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)	Camp Durant
24-26 October 2025	Leave No Trace Level 1	Camp Reeves
1 November 2025	University of Scouting	Pine Spring Prep Academy
14-16 November 2025	Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS)	Union Grove UMC
21-23 November 2025	NRA Basics of Shotgun and Shotgun Instructor	Camp Durant
31 January 2026	Save The Date: Trainingpalooza	Fuquay Varina

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
 - 4 October 2025 @ Camp Durant

Advancement Update



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Advancement & Recognition

- CUB SCOUTS
 - Ranks 638 (was: 636)
 - Adventures 5132 (was: 4929)
 - AOL 115 (same)
- SCOUTS BSA
 - Ranks 704 (was: 590)
 - Eagles 65 (was: 61)
 - Merit Badges 3093 (was: 2559)
- VENTURE
 - Ranks 25 (was: 17)
 - Summit 0 (same)
- SEA SCOUTS
 - Ranks 1 (same)
 - Quartermaster 0 (same)

Recognition Opportunities for New Eagle Scouts



Sandra Edens (Post 124)



Ryan Briggs

General Session – Sharing Scouting with Youth and Adults

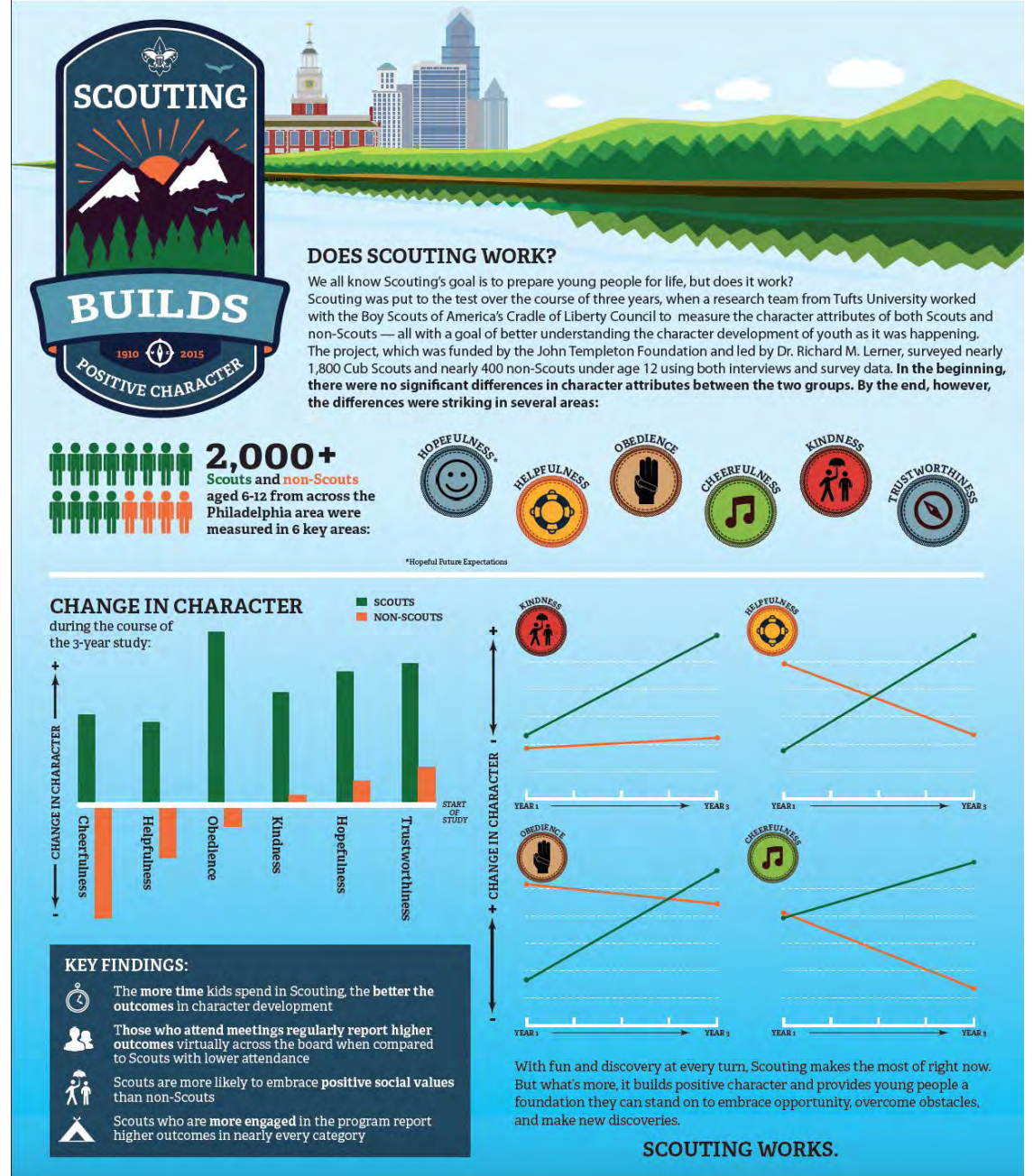
Sharing Scouting with Youth and Adults

Why are you in Scouting?

What or who got you or your child into Scouting?

People want what we have to offer:

- Getting outdoors
- Having adventures and creating memories
- Leadership skills
- Character development
- Developing cheerfulness, helpfulness, obedience, kindness, hopefulness, and trustworthiness
- Creating alumni with greater well-being, civic engagement, commitment to learning, goal orientation, work ethics, morality



Sharing Scouting with Youth and Adults

Considerations with year-round recruiting:

- Update your BeAScout pin.
- Have a system for checking online registration every day or two at the most.
- Double check that finding a link to join is easy on your unit website, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, etc. QR codes are the tool of the day.
- Set up geofencing for every recruitment event you have planned.
- Line up and plan youth involvement in recruitment events.

Sharing Scouting with Youth and Adults

More Considerations for year-round recruiting:

- Check out the BSA membership and marketing page for great materials.
(www.scouting.org/membership)
- Prepare your teams so everyone knows their roles and what they are going to say (and not say), and how to answer questions.
- Develop your communication or marketing plan.
- Troops, have you thought about a recruitment event for non-Scouts? Visiting 5th and 6th grades if we can get access in school or something else to let 10- and 11-year-olds and their parents know you offer fun experiences and opportunities. Canoes, tents, and archery targets draw attention. Geofencing a fun Troop meeting that might attract new members is another idea.

Breakout Sessions





**Next Month's Roundtable:
6 November 2025**