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"Leaders who win the respect of others are the ones who deliver more than they promise." -
Mark A. Clement

Join Us for the 2026 National Fall Membership Recruitment Kick-Off Webinars

Get ready for a strong Fall recruitment season! Make plans to attend two national webinars designed to inspire, equip, and energize unit leaders and council staff with proven strategies to grow Scouting in their communities.

2026 National Fall Cub Scouts Membership Recruitment Kick-Off

Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Time: 8:00 PM ET / 7:00 PM CT / 6:00 PM MT / 5:00 PM PT

Register Here:

https://scouting-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-M2HW0QjS0milKNMwZuK-A

This high-energy national event will feature inspiring presentations from national and council volunteers and staff. Participants will gain practical recruitment strategies, learn successful approaches from across the country, and leave motivated to execute their local Fall recruitment plans with confidence.

2026 National Fall Scouts BSA Membership Recruitment Kick-Off

Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Time: 8:00 PM ET / 7:00 PM CT / 6:00 PM MT / 5:00 PM PT

Register Here:

https://scouting-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ser5MsuBQxiRx62pTai9Bg

Designed specifically for Scouts BSA unit leaders and council staff, this webinar will showcase effective recruitment practices, innovative ideas, and actionable tools to help grow Scouting this Fall. Attendees will leave prepared and energized to engage new families and strengthen their units.

NASA and Scouting America Announce a New Five-Year Partnership

Scouting America today announced a new five-year partnership with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) aimed at advancing the development of America's next generation STEM workforce through immersive, hands-on educational experiences. This collaboration will connect young people across the country with real-world learning opportunities centered on space exploration, aeronautics, and STEM: science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Through this partnership, NASA will support Scouting America's national and local programming efforts, helping to create engaging, mission-aligned educational experiences that introduce youth to cutting-edge STEM concepts and future career pathways. Programs will emphasize experiential learning, allowing Scouts to explore topics such as engineering design, robotics, space science, and Earth systems through interactive activities inspired by NASA's missions.

"Scouting America has always been committed to preparing young people for life by fostering curiosity, leadership, and problem-solving," said Roger Krone, president and CEO of Scouting America. "Partnering with NASA elevates this mission by providing unparalleled access to the wonders of space exploration and the science behind it. Together, we are inspiring the innovators and explorers of tomorrow."

As part of the collaboration, Scouting America will integrate NASA-themed content and expertise into its programs, including merit badge curricula, learning modules, and special events. Local councils will have opportunities to engage with NASA centers, scientists, and engineers, bringing authentic STEM experiences directly to communities nationwide.

This isn't the first time Scouting America and NASA have worked together. The agencies also collaborated to support the Artemis II program by using its missions as a powerful platform for youth education and inspiration. By connecting young people to NASA's goal of returning humans to the Moon and eventually traveling to Mars, Scouting America is helping inspire a new generation of scientists, engineers, and explorers while reinforcing its broader mission of character development and leadership.

For more than 115 years, Scouting America has partnered with leading organizations to ensure youth have access to relevant, real-world learning opportunities. This new alliance builds on that legacy, reinforcing the organization's commitment to equipping young people with the skills needed to thrive in today's classrooms, communities, and careers.

The partnership will roll out in phases over the coming year, with pilot programs launching in select regions and expanding nationwide. Together, Scouting America and NASA aim to ignite curiosity, strengthen STEM competencies, and open doors to future opportunities for millions of young people across the United States.

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Ask a Commissioner

Question:

What should unit leaders do when a potential beneficiary organization reviews a Scout's Eagle Scout service project proposal and decides not to accept it, particularly if the situation becomes public or attracts media attention?

Answer:

As unit leaders, our role is to help Scouts navigate challenges in a way that reinforces the values and lessons of the Scouting program. When a potential beneficiary organization declines an Eagle Scout service project proposal, it is important to remember that the organization has every right to determine whether a project aligns with its needs, priorities, policies, or available resources. A decision not to proceed is not a reflection on the Scout, their character, or their effort. It simply means the project is not the right fit for that organization at that particular time.

When this occurs, the best course of action is to help the Scout move forward constructively. Rather than viewing the situation as a setback, unit leaders can help the Scout see it as an opportunity to practice adaptability, communication, and perseverance. This may involve identifying a different beneficiary organization, refining the project concept, or adjusting the scope of the project to better meet a community need. These experiences often become some of the most valuable leadership lessons a Scout gains during the Eagle Scout process.

Unit leaders should also help parents understand the purpose of the Eagle Scout service project requirement. The objective is not simply to complete a project. The process is designed to help Scouts develop leadership skills while serving others and working collaboratively with community organizations. Learning how to respond professionally when plans change is an important part of that growth.

If concerns arise, they should be addressed through the appropriate Scouting channels, including district and council advancement volunteers, who can provide guidance and help ensure the process is applied fairly and consistently. Escalating disagreements into public disputes or media campaigns is rarely productive and can create unnecessary tension between Scouts and community organizations.

Maintaining strong relationships with community partners is important for all Scouts. When organizations see that Scouts and Scouting leaders respect their decisions, even when the

answer is no, they are more likely to consider future partnerships. Public criticism or pressure campaigns can unintentionally discourage organizations from working with Scouts in the future, limiting opportunities for service throughout the community.

Most importantly, unit leaders should keep the focus on the larger purpose of the Eagle Scout service project. The project is intended to help young people grow as servant leaders. When an organization declines a proposal, responding with respect, resilience, and a willingness to serve elsewhere demonstrates the very leadership qualities the project is designed to develop.

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