

**Scouting America**  
Pennsylvania Dutch Council

### Special Interest:

Roundtables are the first Thursday of each month.

### Quick Calendar:

Apr 11 – District Pinewood  
Apr 17 – Award Nominations Due  
Apr 21 – Scouting Safety Position Training  
May 7 – Combined RT  
Jun 17 – District Dinner

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# Susquehanna District Newsletter

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## Message from District Key 3 and First Quarter Review

The purpose of this quarterly newsletter is to provide Scouts, leaders and parents easy access to the various events and an opportunity to highlight the great work and service our Scouts are doing within the District.

We had to make the difficult decision in January to cancel our annual Klondike Derby. This was due to the forecasted temperatures for the event, but also the condition of the camp due to the weather. We will be using the same "Olympic Theme" for the Klondike in 2027.

Good luck to all of the scouts competing at the District Pinewood Derby at Camp Mack on April 11. Make sure to post pictures of your races on your unit social media pages.

Its **Spring Recruitment Time** – see the flyer on page 6 for details on new incentives that are being offered.

Our annual **District Award and Recognition Dinner** is on June 17. **Parents and Leaders – consider nominating someone in your unit for an award.** Deadline for award nominations is April 17. See pages 4-5 for details on the awards and how to nominate someone.

The district committee members are always seeking feedback and would appreciate your input. Please reach out to any of the key three with your comments for improvement. The [Council Calendar](#), [District Webpage](#) and [Facebook](#) page are constantly being updated with activity, training and roundtable information.

## District Commissioner Update

The District Commissioner staff works to ensure that all units are successful and have all available resources to thrive. Commissioners provide support and information to unit leaders so they can deliver a high-quality program that attracts and retains youth and adults. Whether working with a pack, troop, crew, ship, club or post, commissioners are key to ensuring units have the necessary resources to provide a quality program for their youth.

See the [Commissioner Page](#) on the Council Website for resources and opportunities for training.



## Upcoming District Activities

The [District Activity Page](#) details all of the upcoming activities, including dates, locations, leader guides and registration.

- Susquehanna District Pinewood Derby on April 11 at Camp Mack. A flyer and additional information is posted on the [District Activity Page](#).
- The District Recognition Dinner will be held on June 17 at The Ascension Lutheran Church, Willow Street. Cost is \$15 per person, and registration is available now through [Tentaroo](#). Award information is on page 4-5.

## Upcoming Training Courses

The District and Council Training Committees are constantly adding new training courses to the [Council Training Page](#) for both youth and adults. A few highlights are listed below:

- IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills): May 2-3, 2026 at Camp Mack
- BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation): June 5-6, 2026 at Camp Mack
- **National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)** will be held in Summer 2026 and is designed to train youth leaders of a unit with leadership skills they will be able to apply in Scouting and throughout the rest of their life.

## Membership Resources

- **It Spring Recruitment Time** – See the flyer on Page 6 for details on the new “Refer A Scout” recruitment incentive.
- The [Membership Recruitment Resource](#) page on the council website has a variety of resources that can be used with your unit recruitment including the Scouting America Brand Center, School District Flyers, Social Media Resources and Recruitment Material including card templates to be used for various holidays.

## Advancement Update

- Families and units – please share your Eagle Scout and unit service news with the District so that we can highlight the great work done by the Scouts in the Susquehanna District. Send the info to Chet Bowen.
- Landis Valley has a few opportunities for Scouts and units looking for service hours or Eagle projects. Reach out to Chet Bowen, [bowen17@hotmail.com](mailto:bowen17@hotmail.com), for additional information.
- Changes have been made to the Eagle Scout Application. See information [here](#).

## Order of the Arrow Update

OA dues for 2026 should have been paid by November 30, 2025. You can pay your dues on-line at [www.padutchbsa.org/programs/order-of-the-arrow](http://www.padutchbsa.org/programs/order-of-the-arrow)

- Unit elections are currently underway, to schedule your unit election contact [Brock Ford](#)
- Spring Fellowship Weekend is April 24 – 26 at Camp Mack. Registration through [Tentaroo](#).
- Spring Ordeal Weekend is May 15 – 17 at Camp Bashore. Registration through [Tentaroo](#).
- Section Ell Conclave is at Camp Tuckahoe, May 29 – 31. Registration through [Tentaroo](#).

## Friends of Scouting

We would love to have someone visit your unit to provide our annual Scouting Update at your Blue & Gold, pack meeting, Court of Honor or other family-oriented event. If you haven't already scheduled a presentation for your pack/troop/crew, please reach out to: Susquehanna District – Sheila Fasig, [sheila.fasig@scouting.org](mailto:sheila.fasig@scouting.org).

## Registration Updates

- Starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, the middle name on all adult applications will be required. If no middle name note NONE.
- Just a reminder that the new Safeguarding Youth Training is to be updated annually. Because of the change, there are quite a few registered adults that will need to update their training by May 31, 2026. Please have someone in your unit check [my.Scouting.org/Training Manager](https://my.scouting.org/TrainingManager) to see who needs to update their training.
- Non-Renewed Members – we have been seeing quite a few members that expired in 2025 coming in to renew their membership. Please have someone in your unit check your Roster in [my.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) to make sure everyone attending is on the official roster and is current with the membership. In Organization Manager under Reports there is a Non-renewed Member report that can be run to find out when someone has dropped off of your roster. Just a reminder that if someone is not renewed by the end of the 2 month grace period, the registrar requires a new application be completed. Your District Executives will soon be reaching out to units to help with reviewing the non-renewed member reports.

## Roundtable Resources

Roundtables provide unit leaders with the skill to do and the will to do what is needed to ensure that every member of every unit has a great Scouting experience. Roundtables build upon the foundation provided by position-specific basic training and each leader's commitment to serving youth through Scouting. Our district is blessed to have a dedicated and creative Roundtable Staff. Everything that is modelled at Roundtable can be used at the unit level. If you are unable to attend in person, you can watch on Facebook Live.

Susquehanna District Roundtable is held the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg located at 101 S Decatur St, Strasburg. Upcoming Roundtable topics and links to past Roundtables can be found at the [Roundtable Link](#) on the District Website.

May 7 will be a combined district RT at the Camp Mack campfire circle, meal at 6 PM, RT at 7 PM. See flyer on page 8.

## Susquehanna District Committee Looking for Volunteers

The District Committee has opening for volunteers interested in working at fundraising, product sales, unit growth and activities. Currently we are looking for volunteers to fill the positions on Finance, Fall Popcorn Sale, Spring Product Sale, Membership, Activities and Social Media.

The District Committee meets once per month (last Thursday of each month). If you would like additional information on the Committee or any of the positions listed above, please reach out to Chet Bowen, [bowen17@hotmail.com](mailto:bowen17@hotmail.com).



## Susquehanna District Annual Meeting

The Susquehanna District Annual Meeting will be on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. We will be discussing accomplishments and challenges from the previous year and setting goals for the current year. This meeting is open for anyone to attend and ask questions of the district committee.

## Liberty in Action – 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Challenge Emblem

In honor of America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Scouting America invites Scouts across all programs to take part in the Liberty in Action: 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Challenge. By completing requirements centered on America's history and civic values, Scouts can earn a commemorative patch while deepening their understanding of our nation's past – See page 7 for Flyer.

# Susquehanna District Annual Nominations and Awards

Every year in June at our District Dinner we celebrate the achievements of our Scouts and Leaders. Details of the 2026 District Dinner will be announced soon:

It is not too early to start to think about nominating your unit leaders or valued parents for the following awards.

[Scouter Profile Form](#) - To assist you in collecting information for nominations, we have created this fillable PDF. You can use it to record an individual's training, experience, and prior recognition. Do not submit the Scouter Profile; keep it for future use. (Expert tip - spouses are a great source of background information).

**District Award of Merit** –The District Award of Merit is a great way to recognize those Scouters that go above and beyond in their service to others, and the Scouting movement locally. It is the highest honor the District can bestow on one of its members.



- [Click here for the District Award of Merit Nomination.](#)
- Nomination must be submitted to Ed Carvell, [edcarvell@comcast.net](mailto:edcarvell@comcast.net), no later than April 17.

**Scoutmaster of the Year** – if your Scoutmaster is doing an amazing job with your unit, consider nominating them for the District's Scoutmaster of the Year Award.

- [Click here for Scoutmaster of the Year Nomination Form.](#)
- Nominations must be submitted to Marion Glasby, Marion Glasby, [mkglasby@gmail.com](mailto:mkglasby@gmail.com), no later than April 17

**Cubmaster of the Year** - if your Cubmaster is doing an amazing job with your unit, consider nominating them for the District's Cubmaster of the Year Award.

- [Click here for Cubmaster of the Year Nomination Form.](#)
- Nominations must be submitted to Marion Glasby, Marion Glasby, [mkglasby@gmail.com](mailto:mkglasby@gmail.com), no later than April 17

**Committee Member of the Year** - if one of your Committee Members is doing a great job with your unit, consider nominating them for the District's Committee Member of the Year Award.

- [Click here for Committee Member of the Year Nomination Form.](#)
- Nominations must be submitted to Marion Glasby, Marion Glasby, [mkglasby@gmail.com](mailto:mkglasby@gmail.com), no later than April 17

**Commissioner of the Year** - if your district commissioner is doing a great job with your unit, consider nominating them for the District's Commissioner of the Year Award.

- [Click here for Commissioner of the Year Nomination Form.](#)
- Nominations must be submitted to Marion Glasby, Marion Glasby, [mkglasby@gmail.com](mailto:mkglasby@gmail.com), no later than April 17

**Scouter of the Year** - if an adult leader is doing a great job with your unit, consider nominating them for the District's Scouter of the Year Award.

- [Click here for Scouter of the Year Nomination Form.](#)
- Nominations must be submitted to Marion Glasby, Marion Glasby, [mkglasby@gmail.com](mailto:mkglasby@gmail.com), no later than April 17

**Spark Plug Awards** - Every unit has a person that provides the “spark” that keeps the Scouting program on track, whether or not they are serving in a registered position. The adult leadership of your unit may nominate one person each year to be recognized at the District Recognition Dinner by presenting them with the Spark Plug Award.

- [Click here for Spark Plug Nomination Form.](#)
- Nominations must be submitted to Marion Glasby, Marion Glasby, [mkglasby@gmail.com](mailto:mkglasby@gmail.com), no later than April 17.

**Den Leader Training Award** - Available for Tiger, Cub Scout and Webelo Den Leaders, Tenure, training, and performance requirements are indicated on each application. You may apply for the award yourself once you have completed all the requirements that are listed in the application.

- [Click here for Den Leader Training Award application.](#)
- This award can be submitted to the council office at any time, but to be awarded at the District Dinner it must be submitted no later than May 8.



**Scouter Training Award** - Available for registered leaders in any program. Tenure, training, and performance requirements are indicated on each application. You may apply for the award yourself once you have completed all the requirements that are listed on the application.

- [Click here for Scouting Training Award application.](#)
- This award can be submitted to the council office at any time, but to be awarded at the District Dinner it must be submitted no later than May 8.



**Scouter’s Key** - Available for Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Crew Advisors, District and Assistant Commissioners and District Committee Members. Tenure, training, and performance requirements are indicated on each application. You may apply for the award yourself once you have completed all the requirements that are listed on the application.

- [Click here for Scouter’s Key Award application.](#)
- This award can be submitted to the council office at any time, but to be awarded at the District Dinner it must be submitted no later than May 8.



**Unit Leader Award of Merit** - A quality Scouting experience will help keep Scouts in the program, and Scouting America created the Unit Leader Award of Merit to recognize the quality unit leaders who make that happen.

- [Click here for the Unit Leader Award of Merit application](#)
- This award can be submitted to the council office at any time, but to be awarded at the District Dinner it must be submitted no later than May 8.



**Veteran Service Award** - Presented for 5 years of service as a registered volunteer, and for each subsequent 5 years. You may apply for this award yourself.

- [Click here for Veteran Service Award Application.](#)
- This award can be submitted to the council office at any time, but to be awarded at the District Dinner it must be submitted no later than May 8.





### How it Works:

- \* A family recruits a new member to their unit
- \* New member must be fully registered and paid
- \* The recruiting family will get 50% off of one of their next program fees
- \* The new member family, once registered can do the same to get a discount off one of their next program fees
- \* If a family recruits multiple new members, the discount is stackable and can be used for multiple Scouts or adults

### Benefits:

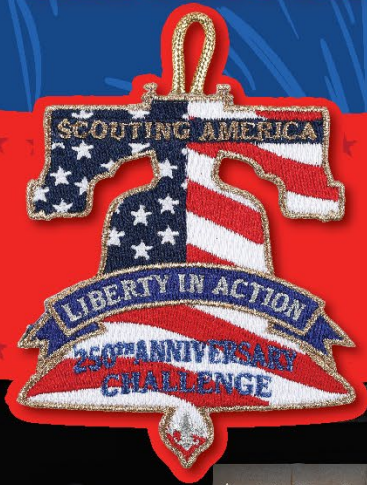
- \* Families and units benefit from family involvement in recruiting
- \* Supports retention by incentivizing families to stay so they can cash in on their discount



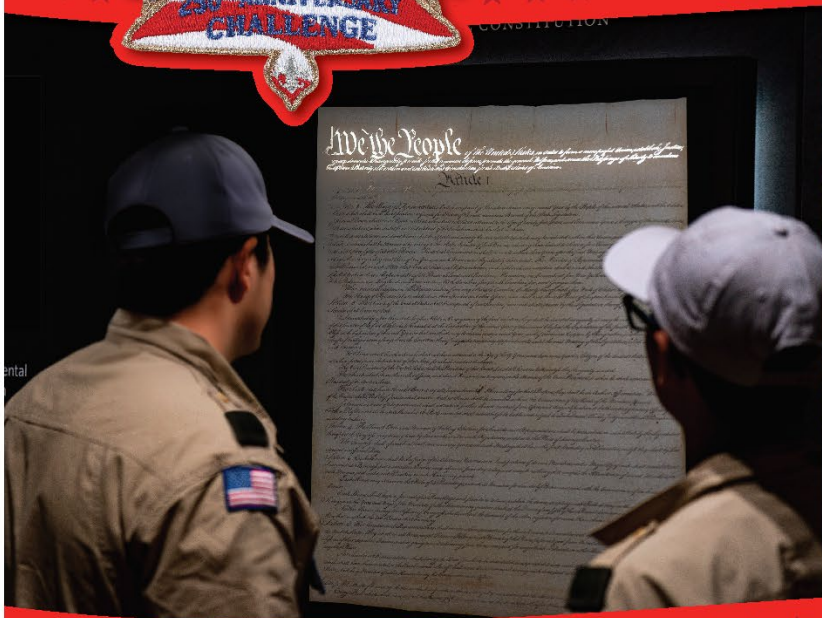
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# CELEBRATE

## THE HISTORY THAT SHAPED OUR NATION



**EARN THE LIBERTY IN ACTION:  
250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE EMBLEM**



SCAN TO LEARN MORE



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# Combined District Roundtable at Camp Mack on May 7, 2026

**THEME: U.S.A. 250TH BIRTHDAY**

**FELLOWSHIP & FOOD BEGINS @ 6:00 PM**

**CAMPFIRE BEGINS @ 6:50 PM**

**CHECK IN & FOOD IN DELLINGER LODGE**

**IN THE CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER: EVERYTHING @ DINING HALL  
BRING YOUR "TORCH" AND WEAR YOUR BEST REGALIA**



# ***Scouting Safely*** ***Troop/Crew Guide Training***

Register Today!

**April 4, 2026**  
**2:30 pm to 4:30 pm**

Camp Mack Training Center  
South Camp Road, Lititz, PA 17543



**April 21, 2026**  
**6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

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