



# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

## GREATER HUDSON VALLEY COUNCIL

### **BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA IS CHANGING ITS NAME TO SCOUTING AMERICA**

*The new name reflects the continuing efforts to welcome everyone to experience the benefits of Scouting.*

**Fishkill, NY (May 7, 2024)** – The Boy Scouts of America today announced that it will be changing its name to Scouting America. This change reflects the organization’s ongoing commitment to welcoming every youth in America to experience the benefits of Scouting. **The name change will go into effect on February 8, 2025, the organization’s 115<sup>th</sup> birthday.**

This announcement also comes as the organization celebrates the fifth anniversary of welcoming girls into Cub Scouting and Scouts BSA programs. Boy Scouts of America currently serves 176,234 girls and young women across all programs, including more than 6,000 who have earned Eagle Scout status.

Scouting America builds on the organization’s 114 years of helping America’s youth. Its ongoing goal is to provide young people with a safe environment where they can learn meaningful life skills and have fun, educational experiences, fostering their growth and future outcomes as leaders, and be prepared for life. At the same time, values instilled by the Scout Oath and Law help prepare young people for lives of purpose and impact.

More than 130 million Americans have been through Scouting programs since its founding in 1910, and currently, more than 1 million youth, including both men and women, are served by 477,000 dedicated adult volunteers in local councils throughout the country. To date, more than 2.75 million youth have earned Scouting’s highest rank of Eagle Scout.

In addition to supporting the nation’s youth, Scouting America will continue to be an important asset to strengthen our communities, having provided more than 7 million hours of volunteer services for community improvement and other projects across the country.

#### **About Scouting America:**

Scouting America provides the nation’s foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training, which helps young people be “Prepared. For Life.®”

Scouting America welcomes all of America’s youth into its programs. Our goal is to give them fantastic experiences in the outdoors, and elsewhere, where they can grow with us in a safe environment.

To learn more about Scouting America’s mission, visit [Scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org).

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### **About the Greater Hudson Valley Council:**

Headquartered in Fishkill, NY, the Greater Hudson Valley Council provides services across seven counties in New York's Hudson Valley and Pike County, Pennsylvania. In 2023, the Council supported 10,000 youths across all programs, including over 800 girls. With 290 Packs, Troops, Crews, and Posts, and 4,500 adult volunteers, we continue to empower young people through the nation's leading youth program focused on character development and values-based leadership training. Discover more about the Greater Hudson Valley Council at [www.ghvbsa.org](http://www.ghvbsa.org).

Yours in Scouting,

*Tom Campanile*

Tom Campanile, Council Board Chair

*Jann Mirchandani*

Jann Mirchandani, Council Commissioner

*Rich Stockton*

Rich Stockton, Scout Executive/CEO

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