

Roundtable Hot Topic

Scouting America and America250 - Celebrating Values

This year, America celebrates 250 years as one of the most successful nations in history. Built on grit, determination, and unwavering values, Scouting was a natural fit when the two came together in 1910. Today, Scouting's values mirror the same spirit of collaboration, innovation, and ingenuity that made this nation great. As we go throughout this year, let's celebrate the freedoms we have in our country by sharing the message of Scouting and our partnership with America250.

Here are some ideas on how your unit can celebrate together:

Cub Scout Packs

- Host a "Passport to America" pack meeting where dens rotate through stations highlighting different US regions, traditions, and foods
- Share with dens the changes that have been made to American flags over the last 250 years as they earn belt loops such as King of the Jungle, My Community, and Paws for Action

Scouts BSA Troops

- Take your troop to areas with registered Historic Trails and earn the Historic Trails Award <https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/historic-trails/>
- Host a Citizenship Merit Badge marathon, focusing on Citizenship in the Nation and incorporating the America250 themes

Sea Scout Ships

- Host a harbor or shoreline cleanup day in honor of America250
- Hold a "Ceremonial Sail" or flotilla with other boating groups flying American flags

Venture Crews

- Plan a 250-mile expedition or challenge over the course of the year (hiking, biking, kayaking combined)
- Hold a heritage service project in a National park, historic site, or local museum

Districts and councils across the nation are joining together with celebrations, patches, and media events to share the partnership between Scouting America and America250. As many units, districts, and councils focus on service opportunities as a part of their efforts, members of Scouting America are set to log more service hours than ever before, so make sure you log your unit's service hours at the America Gives site at (<https://america250.org/america-gives/>) and in Scoutbook and My.Scouting! Check with your local council for planned activities and get in on the action today!

Roundtable Activity - Have groups join together and brainstorm ideas of how your units can celebrate America250. After 5 minutes, share your ideas with the group.

Resource	Website	QR Code
America250 Website	https://america250.org/	
Scout Shop Blog-America250	https://www.scoutshop.org/blog/what-is-america250-a-scouts-guide-to-the-united-states-250th-anniversary.html	
Scouting Newsroom Press Release	https://www.scoutingnewsroom.org/press-releases/scouting-america-partners-with-america250-to-inspire-the-next-generation-of-civic-leaders/	
Crossroads of the West Council Passport	https://www.utahscouts.org/America250	
National Capitol Area Council	https://ncacscouting.org/america-250/	