



2025 HIGHLIGHTS



DEAR FRIENDS,

Thanks to your support, we changed the lives of thousands of young people across New York City this past year. Youth ages 5–21 participated in year-round programs focused on character development, leadership training, outdoor adventure, and career readiness.

We are pleased to share our 2025 Impact Report, which highlights the achievements of our Scouts and Explorers and outlines our progress toward the following goals:

- 1. Safeguard the well-being of our youth, volunteers, and professional staff*
- 2. Deliver high-impact programs while maintaining financial sustainability*
- 3. Strengthen internal infrastructure and collaboration across staff, volunteers, and boroughs*
- 4. Maintain and invest in our properties*
- 5. Diversify and expand revenue sources to support our programs*
- 6. Eliminate debt and ensure strong financial controls to achieve a balanced budget*
- 7. Enhance internal and external communications*

This year, we made meaningful progress in every area—ensuring that our Scouting and Exploring programs remain safe, high-quality, and accessible, while expanding our reach to families in underserved communities. We trained more volunteer leaders and added new training opportunities for youth and adults. We eliminated all debt, added to our endowment, and filled key roles on our senior leadership team, increasing our capacity to better serve New York City communities.

We take great pride in the fact that our youth membership reflects a wide array of perspectives and experiences, as we help develop the next generation of leaders in this incredible city. As you read about the remarkable accomplishments of our young people, please know that your support made them possible.



Thank You!

Yours in Scouting,

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Saroya Friedman-Gonzalez
President & CEO
Greater New York Councils

BUILDING FUTURE LEADERS

Youth across New York City can participate in Scouting and Exploring programs designed to foster leadership, character development, career awareness, and life skills.

SCOUTING (VOLUNTEER-LED PROGRAMS)

A comprehensive youth development program serving young people ages 5–20, led by trained adult volunteers. Participants gain hands-on experience in leadership, life skills, career exploration, and personal growth, with opportunities that culminate in weekend adventures and summer camp outdoor experiences.

- Cub Scouts, K - 5th grades
- Scouts BSA, 6 - 12th grades
- Venturing, youth ages 14-20
- Sea Scouts, youth ages 14-20

SCOUTREACH (AFTER-SCHOOL)

Scoutreach is an after-school Cub Scout program serving elementary students in Title I public schools. Delivered by trained, paid leaders, the program provides structured enrichment and access to the Scouting experience during after-school hours.

EXPLORING

Exploring connects middle and high school students with career-focused learning and mentorship opportunities. Programs provide exposure to law enforcement, fire and EMS services, and other high-growth professional fields.

Students may enroll in one of three program tracks:

- Law Enforcement
- Fire Department & EMS
- Career-Based Exploring

Students typically join through school guidance counselors or community referrals.



ABOUT US

Although Scouting and Exploring programs nationwide follow the same core curriculum, each Council is defined by the communities it serves and the many ways it responds to local needs.

A top priority for our Council is ensuring that our membership reflects the rich diversity of New York City. We are proud to be among the most diverse Councils in the country and to offer distinctive programs in neighborhoods across all five boroughs—programs designed to meet the evolving needs of today’s youth.

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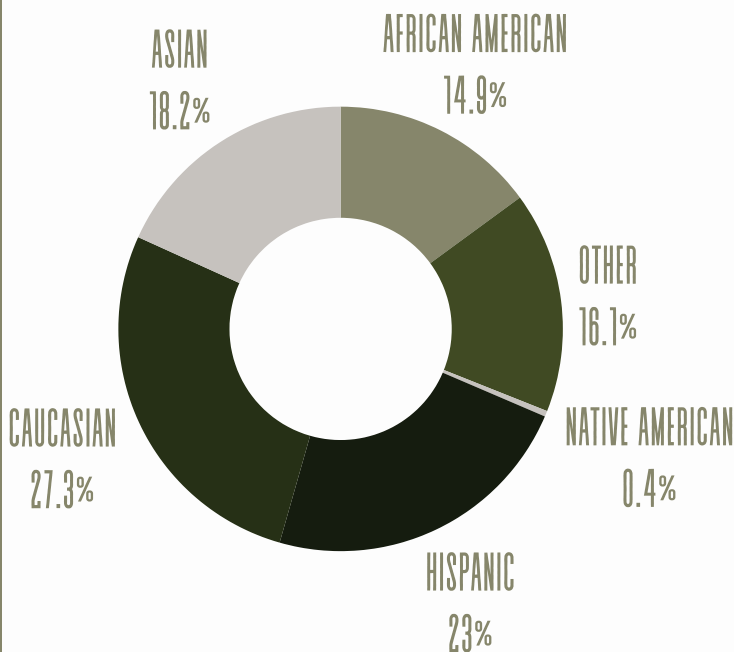
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The Greater New York Councils is in the top

TOP 5%

nationally for diversity among 232 Scout Councils

29% FEMALE - 71% MALE



WITH YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT IN 2025, WE:

- Actively engaged **7,412** registered youth members ages 5-20 years old in the five boroughs of NYC as of December 31
- Served: **11,303** total youth throughout our programs
- Engaged **2,762** adult volunteers
- Facilitated youth members' contribution of **98,900 hours of volunteer service (valued at \$3.5 million)** to enhance the quality of life for New Yorkers!
- Partnered with community-based organizations, agencies, and schools to offer **386 unique programs**
- Added **28** new Scouting and Exploring programs
- Offered **4,767** Summer Camp Sessions at our three iconic and historic camp properties
- Awarded Camp Scholarships totaling **\$232,527** and 100% of camp participants received a subsidized camping rate.
- Offered individual membership Scholarships totaling **\$118,374**.
- Hosted **76,892** camp experiences for youth and adults year-round for weekend camping trips, an increase of 35% over the previous year!
- Invested **\$458,580** toward capital improvements at our three camp properties
- Celebrated **154 new Eagle Scouts**, the highest rank in Scouting and one only approximately 5% of Scouts earn.

Under the leadership and mentorship of our trained volunteer leaders, our youth earned:

- **6,661** merit badges
- **1,129** Scouts BSA ranks
- **1,000** Cub Scout ranks
- **15** Venturing awards



SOME OF OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS



A FEW OF OUR EXPLORING POSTS



SCOUTREACH PROGRAMS

Brooklyn

PS 189, PS 109, PS 198,
PS 235, PS 208, and
PS 251.

Bronx

PS 21, PS 46, and PS 94.

Manhattan

The Row

Queens

PS 7, PS 81, and PS 13
(2 programs)

Full List of Charter Partners Hosting
Scouting & Exploring Programs:
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PLEASE JOIN US THIS SUMMER AT ONE OF OUR RENOWNED SCOUT SUMMER CAMPS

**Our Iconic
Ten Mile River Scout Camps**



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**John E. Reeves Cub World
at Alpine Scout Camp**



bit.ly/cubworld2025

OUR CAMPS CHANGE LIVES

Leaders who responded to our survey reported improvements in their Scouts who attended summer camp in 2025, including:

Making New Friends

93%

Leadership

93%

Improved Self Esteem

96%

Responsibility

96%

Environmental Stewardship

82%

Communication

82%

Improved Teamwork

93%

Resilience

93%

89%

felt that rank advancement camp activities helped prepare Scouts for the school year to come.



William H. Pouch Scout Camp

We were thrilled to celebrate the final conservation easement to permanently protect William H. Pouch Scout Camp so that generations to come can enjoy this sanctuary in the Staten Island Greenbelt and strengthen the area's climate resilience and biodiversity. We are proud to be building future leaders in sustainability.



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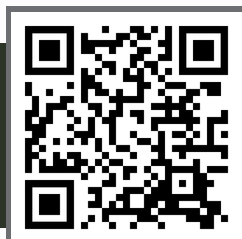
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