

50th
Annual
**DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN
AWARD**

Celebrating 50 Years of Leadership,
Service, and Community Impact



Michael Skelton
Individual Honoree



Swim With A Mission
Organization Honoree

Honoring Those Who Make a Difference

February 11, 2025

Our Mission

The mission of the Scouting America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

Trustworthy

Loyal

Helpful

Friendly

Courteous

Kind

Obedient

Cheerful

Thrifty

Brave

Clean

Reverent



Pledge of Allegiance
and
Scout Oath & Law

Scouting America
New Hampshire

Sponsor Recognition

Award Presentation
Swim With A Mission

Award Presentation
Michael Skelton

Closing
and
Networking Reception

PROGRAM



Swim With A Mission

Organization Honoree



In 2017, Philip and Julie Taub founded Swim With a Mission, a nonprofit organization that empowers veterans and their families. Their mission is to raise awareness and funds for vital veteran service organizations. Through innovative events and initiatives, they strive to make a tangible difference in the lives of those who have served. Since its inception, Swim With a Mission has garnered significant support, raising millions of dollars to support essential veteran programs and services, ensuring our nation's heroes receive the care and resources they deserve

About the Distinguished Citizen Award

The Distinguished Citizen Award, established by Scouting America, honors individuals for extraordinary leadership and service to their communities. It highlights the importance of character and citizenship, inspiring youth to lead, take responsibility, and prioritize principles beyond self-interest.



HONOREES

Michael Skelton

Individual Honoree
President & CEO of the Business and
Industry Association of New Hampshire



Michael Skelton, a graduate of Saint Anselm College and an Eagle Scout, is the state's leading business advocate as President and CEO of the Business and Industry Association (BIA). Before joining the BIA, Mr. Skelton was President and CEO of the Greater Manchester Chamber, the state's largest regional Chamber of Commerce. With over 12 years of experience in the Chamber of Commerce industry, Mr. Skelton brings a wealth of knowledge in public relations, media relations, economic development, and government affairs. He is also actively involved in the community, serving on the Board of Directors of Amoskeag Industries, the Board of Trustees of Manchester's historic Palace Theatre, and as a Board member of the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority, appointed by Governor Sununu. Mike resides in Bedford, New Hampshire, with his wife, Emily, and their two children, Colin, and Eleanor.

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**Serving the
neighborhoods
where we work
and live.**

Congratulations to community leaders
Michael Skelton
and
Swim With A Mission
and to
Scouting America New Hampshire
as it celebrates its 50th annual
Distinguished Citizen awards.

Well done all!

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Congratulations

SCOUTING AMERICA

AND

DISTINGUISHED HONOREES

MICHAEL SKELTON AND SWIM WITH A MISSION

Your unwavering commitment to shaping tomorrow's leaders inspires youth to act with character, serve with integrity, and journey toward a brighter future.



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SCOUTING

IN THE GRANITE STATE

4,538

YOUTH SERVED
across the Granite State

2,675

VOLUNTEERS
served as role models and
mentors for our Scouts

153

EAGLE SCOUTS
excelled and earned Scouting's
top rank

18,363

ACHIEVEMENTS
introduced Scouts to new
skills while advancing in rank

44,873

SERVICE HOURS
performed by Scouts to
improve our communities

\$1.5M

VALUE OF HOURS
performed by Scouts totaled
over \$1.5 million

TOP EARNED MERIT BADGES



First Aid
455



Camping
425



Cit. in the Nation
372

Our Programs



Who We Serve

CUB SCOUTS (GRADES LEVELS K-5)

A year-round program designed to meet the needs of young boys and girls and their families through fun and challenging activities designed to promote education, character and physical development.

SCOUTS BSA (YOUTH AGES 11-17)

Scouts BSA is the traditional Scouting experience where boys and girls can have their share of adventure in the great outdoors. Create memories of a lifetime with no prior Scouting experience required!

VENTURING (COED AGES 14-20)

Created for boys and girls ages 14-20, Venturing is a youth-led program where Scouts experience positive mentorship and develop leadership skills in a fun, supportive environment.

SEA SCOUTING (COED AGES 14-20)

Sea Scouting is a maritime program for boys and girls ages 14-20 providing a fun, safe environment for Scouts to learn, build friendships, and develop character while earning advancement.

EXPLORING (COED AGES 10-20)

The Exploring program connects boys and girls ages 10-20 with mentors, businesses, and agencies within their communities to help them discover future career paths.





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