

Scouting America



New Hampshire

Q&A From February 2025 Council-Wide, Virtual Roundtable

Topic	Question	Answer
Safety	Please put Guy's info in the chat because we couldn't see it in the zoom window all the way.	Guy Eaton - 603-312-3365, guyjeaton@gmail.com
	Regarding linked B & G troops, we have some events where there may just be one boy and one girl volunteering for a shift at a day-long event. This means 4 leaders to cover 2 Scouts. Is there leeway in leader requirements for linked B&G troops where leaders are all registered for both troops? Understand there would still be one female leader present with a girl Scout present.	The requirement is two deep, therefore you can have one Female and one Male leaders and this would cover you.
Rebranding	Why wasn't the larger scouting community in the Council involved in the rebranding?	The council followed brand guidance provided by Scouting America, which directly aligns the local council to fully leverage the best methods for national branding and marketing initiatives. The timing of the change also allows the council to gain earned media and directly benefit from nationwide branding as well. The Executive Board voted unanimously to make this change and its membership is all volunteer and reflective of an expansive statewide representation.
	I may have missed it, however I am curious why we are rebranding from Daniel Webster Council. This is an historic council with Troops that exist almost as long as BSA existed. Are we going to lose the history of our council?	The council conducted a comprehensive survey across the state in partnership with St. Anselm College. The feedback from that statewide survey identified that current generational families do not know who the "Daniel Webster Council" is as a brand. It was also unclear to these families what program we serve. Scouting America New Hampshire makes communication seamless. It's important to note as a corporation, we are still registered as Daniel Webster Council. However, with this change we will identify our brand and do business as (DBA) Scouting America New Hampshire. This allows the organization to clarify to families what program they are joining. We will always continue to celebrate our heritage.
Membership	A lot of attention is given to growing the Cub Packs, including funds. Why aren't we actively recruiting and funding middle schoolers and high	This is answered in the Scholarship discussion following Membership topic, but there is no restrictions to just Cub Scouts.

	schoolers who could benefit from the Scouts BSA program? is this slated to change?	
	Has the Council considered discounts to families with multiple children enrolled?	Yes. We are proudly announcing this during the Membership discussion tonight.
	Membership cost being a big chunk all at once, particularly for existing December renewals is a large barrier. Has there been any thoughts given to changing to a monthly or quarterly billing option.	This was tried by Michigan Crossroads Council and they had to abandon it as it became a logistical nightmare. We are going to be forming a committee to research options to see if we can make monthly or quarterly payments work here in Scout America New Hampshire. but there are many logistical issues that need to be clearly thought out. One of the logistical issues is National does not allow for either a monthly or quarterly billing as they will still take 100% of their fees on the renewal date. As such this would create a huge cash flow issue for our Council.
	Will there be any efforts to revive units that have folded? Sometimes it's easier to do that than start brand new units.	Yes, where it makes sense we will be working to revive units that folded. We had a lot of success last year with that in the Exploring division.
	Does a family who has 2 youth and 1 adult (who also remit large fees to join) have the possibility for the \$50 family rebate?	Yes.
	What about efforts toward adult leadership recruitment initiatives?	There is an ongoing initiative specifically focused on re-engaging Scouting alumni. There will also be some new tools (both physical and digital) coming out soon that will make it easier to be a new Den Leader, etc. Stay tuned for those!
	I spoke before this committee last year and suggested that the outreach support team reach out to former Charter Organizations who lost their Troops and Packs due to COVID, etc. to explore what supports would be needed for them to revive those Troops and Packs. I wonder if any movement has occurred in this direction since last year.	With the expansion of our field staff, we expect to start the "sales effort" with lost units first, aiming to receive feedback from former leaders and community connections who have institutional knowledge to share about what worked and what didn't.
	Some Scouts in the units I am associated with are not getting reminders to pay their annual registration, additionally this is also happening with the key 3 members. How can this be improved?	The best thing to do is ensure the email address they have on their profile is the best one. If you have a specific example please share a screenshot with us. National is working to address the known issues with the new renewal process. Key 3 can always refer to the roster in my.scouting and it will list membership expiration dates.
Scholarships	Are scholarships available to adult volunteers too?	The scholarships currently offered are only applicable to youth. If you have three or more registered, including adults, you would be eligible for the Family Rebate/Reimbursement of \$50.

	What are the URLs please?	Scholarship information can be found at https://nhscouting.org/scholarships The fee assistance forms can be found at https://nhscouting.org/scholarships The donation form can be found at https://form.jotform.com/243464840665160
Camping	What ever happened to the Adventure Card program? Is it just gone now? Does this mean in State Scouts don't get a lower rate than out of Council Scouts for camp?	The Adventure Card was eliminated as everyone in the Council received the same pricing and the two pricing tiers created confusion. When camp fees were evaluated all of the evaluation was based on everyone getting the same low price and no differentiation. I believe this was discussed at the November Director's chat.
	For combined Troops going to camp, will they get the same ratios of youth to free adults? Or would it be treated as registering two units?	You can register as one unit. There are instructions on the website on how to do this. See https://nhscouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Registering-as-a-Combined-Unit-V1.pdf As long as you have the appropriate male/female leadership in place you would be ok.
	Will we be able to have printed and digital flyers for camp rates, activities, and the discount model?	Many of the flyers are downloadable and things like printed Camp Carpenter placemats can be ordered for free for any upcoming Blue & Gold ceremonies.
	Where is the camp information available online?	For GSR info please visit https://nhscouting.org/gsr For Camp Carpenter, visit https://nhscouting.org/camp-carpenter
Activities	Could you please mention the 4th annual Whitewater Raftoree? It is also on the council calendar, but didn't get mentioned.	Dates are June 19, 20, 21, and 22 2025.
Unit Fundraising	What about getting cards that are useful outside of the Manchester / Nashua / Concord areas?	The cards have a coupon code on the back that works at over 500,000 places across the entire country. You can see what is near you by visiting the website and entering your zip code
	In preparing for the fundraising sell, would you be able to come to a Roundtable and we can train scouts on selling skills. I see a lively live practice.	Absolutely. Selling skills make all the difference in the success of fundraising. We would happily visit roundtables and even individual units to help tune up your Scouts' selling skills.
	Where is the fundraising information online?	https://nhscouting.org/scout-fundraising/
	What is Michael's contact info please?	Michael Farr - michael.farr@scouting.org 603-241-5558
Training	If we're willing to help out with trainings, how do we let you know?	We love volunteers! The easiest way is to just send a quick email to training@nhscouting.org so we can get you on the contact list.
	Wood Badge and NYLT are expensive. Is any help available?	Both Wood Badge and NYLT have financial assistance available to help make the courses more affordable. The Wood Badge Scholarship Form is at https://form.jotform.com/nhscouting/wood-badge-scholarship-form

General	How often are these types of roundtables held and where can we review the recording?	The recording will be released in several days. We are also asking feedback in a survey that you will get asking how often you'd like this type of roundtable. Please let us know.
	Is there a chance of council establishing a DEI committee in the future?	I would encourage you to submit this recommendation to the Nominating Committee to consider along with any prospective committee members names. You can submit this in our ticketing and I will be sure the NomCom group receives it. support@nhscouting.org .