



June 27, 2025

Important decision marks another significant step to unify Scouting on Long Island

Greetings to all,

On Wednesday, June 25, the Executive Boards of Scouting America's Theodore Roosevelt Council (TRC) and Suffolk County Council (SCC), in separate meetings voted, approved and adopted resolutions stating that -- in alignment with both Councils' missions and long-term interests -- the two Councils should be merged.

This decision now moves to a vote by the general membership of each council, both scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, as noted below.

This important decision marks another significant step forward for Scouting on Long Island.

By aligning the strengths of both councils, we are positioning to offer a more unified, efficient and impactful Scouting experience for our youth, volunteers and our communities.

As we look ahead, here are some of the key benefits this merger is expected to bring to the youth of Long Island:

✓ **Expanded Youth Programs**

Broader range of engaging activities, events and resources will elevate every aspect of the Scouting experience on Long Island.

✓ **Increased Support for Local Units**

Increased funding and targeted resources will empower units to deliver high-quality programs that truly make an impact.

✓ **Stronger Membership Growth**

Unified council structure will bring greater stability, making recruitment and retention efforts more effective and efficient.

✓ **Enhanced Volunteer Support**

Leaders will benefit from advanced training, improved communication tools and stronger support systems to succeed in their roles.

✓ **Greater Access to Training**

More frequent, flexible and personalized training opportunities will help volunteers grow their skills and confidence.

✓ **Streamlined Operations**

Consolidated systems and upgraded technology will cut administrative burdens, freeing up more time for what matters—serving Scouts.

✓ **Deeper Community Engagement**

Larger, unified council will attract new business partnerships and sponsorships, unlocking fresh opportunities for local events.



✓ **Amplified Donor Impact**

Efficient, centralized fundraising efforts will ensure that every dollar directly supports Scouts and the leaders who guide them.

Throughout July, further engagement with families and volunteers will continue, including in-person fireside chats, online meetings, direct communications, email and postings, as well as providing web information and the ability to ask and receive answers to questions by phone, email or through a select portal

Next steps in a possible merger include:

- On Wednesday, August 13, each Council will hold a general meeting at separate locations, during which members will vote on the proposed merger.
To be eligible to vote, individuals must be currently registered in Scouting and present at their respective Council's meeting. Eligible voters at these meetings include Council board members, chartered organization representatives (CORs), as well as council members at large.
- If approved by the membership of both Councils, a governance plan will be submitted to Scouting America's National Office for review and approval.
- If approved by Scouting America, the merger plan will be submitted to New York State Regulators (501c3) for approval.
- If approved by New York State regulatory authorities, we expect the merger will be completed in the fourth quarter this year.

Our most recent letter of June 3, along with all previous correspondence, is available on our website. *These documents include detailed information as well as an extensive Q&A section regarding the possible merger.*

We appreciate your feedback and are happy to address any questions you may have.

Questions regarding this initiative should be directed in Nassau County to Chris Coscia, Scout Executive, Theodore Roosevelt Council, 516-797-7600 or chris.coscia@scouting.org; and in Suffolk County to Stephen Hoitt, Interim Scout Executive, Suffolk County Council, 631-924-7000, Stephen.Hoitt@scouting.org

It is the goal of Theodore Roosevelt and Suffolk County Councils boards to build a stronger Scouting America organization on Long Island, empowering the next generation of leaders -- and most importantly, enhance our outstanding program for the youth in our communities.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Scouting.

Sincerely,

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Theodore Roosevelt Council President
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