



Honoring

250 YEARS OF FREEDOM

ONE GOOD TURN AT A TIME

THIS PASSPORT BELONGS TO



Scouting America

AWAC Commemorative Program Honoring America's 250th Anniversary for
Anthony Wayne Area Council in Proud Partnership with the America 250 Celebration

COMMEMORATING 250 YEARS OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE

In 2026, our nation will mark the **250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence** — a defining moment in human history and the birth of the United States of America.

The America250 celebration calls upon all Americans to reflect upon the sacrifices, vision, and courage that established our Republic. It invites us to renew our devotion to liberty, democracy, and service to one another.

Through programs that educate, engage, and unite, America250 seeks to:

- Inspire reflection on our shared history
- Honor the enduring strength of our nation
- Celebrate the rich tapestry of the American story
- Encourage service in communities across our land

A CALL TO SCOUTS

For more than 115 years, Scouting America has stood as a pillar of citizenship, character, and service. The principles of Scouting — duty to God and country, leadership, integrity, and service — echo the very ideals upon which our nation was founded.

The Honoring 250 years - One Good Turn at a time program invites Scouts to take their place in this historic commemoration. Whether participating individually, as a unit, or within a den or patrol, Scouts are called to serve, to learn, and to lead in honor of America's Semiquincentennial.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

As our nation approaches its 250th year, may we answer the call of history with service, gratitude, and resolve. The program consists of **four distinct sections**, each designed to deepen understanding and strengthen commitment to service.

PARTICIPANTS SHALL:

- Complete at least **two activities within each section**
- Wear the official Scout uniform or Scout activity shirt while participating
- Thoughtfully document their experiences

FOR EACH COMPLETED ACTIVITY:

- Include a photograph whenever possible
- Provide a written reflection summarizing the experience
- Describe how the activity fulfills the spirit and purpose of the program

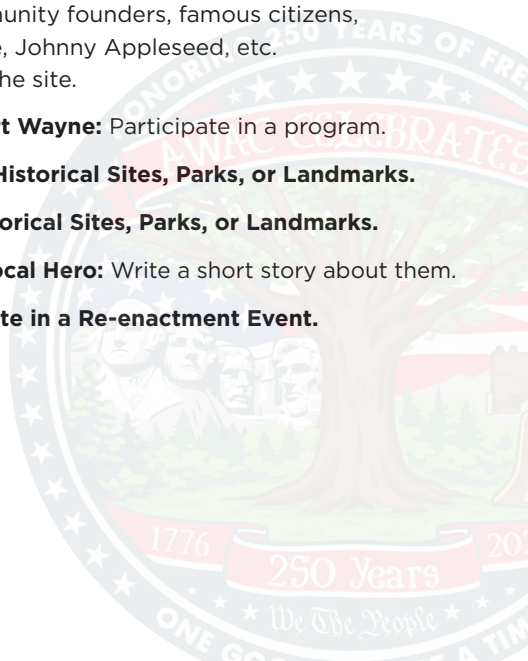
As activities, sections, or the entire program are completed, documentation may be submitted for acknowledgment and recognition.

Submit materials to: Tom Bassett (Troop0169@Yahoo.com)

Units participating will receive a streamer for their flag and individuals will receive a patch.

AMERICAN HERITAGE & HISTORY

- Visit Your State Capitol:** Take a tour - take a photo.
- Visit a Local History Museum:** Examples: Auto, Railroad, or similar.
- Invite a Local Historian to a Unit Meeting:**
Talk about local community history.
- Visit Grave Sites of Prominent Local Citizens:**
Examples: Community founders, famous citizens, Chief Little Turtle, Johnny Appleseed, etc.
Take a photo at the site.
- Visit Historic Fort Wayne:** Participate in a program.
- Visit 3 National Historical Sites, Parks, or Landmarks.**
- Visit 3 State Historical Sites, Parks, or Landmarks.**
- Learn About a Local Hero:** Write a short story about them.
- Visit or Participate in a Re-enactment Event.**



LOCAL COMMUNITY CITIZENSHIP & SERVICE

- Scouting for Food:** Participate in the annual USPS food drive or arrange a troop food drive for a local food pantry.
- Participate in a County or Community Service Project:** Minimum 2 service hours.
- Participate in a Community Event:** Take part in a parade, flag ceremony, Federal holiday event, place flags on veteran's headstones in a cemetery.
- Visit a local Veteran's Memorial:** Take a photo.
- Participate in a Community Disaster Drill.**
- Attend a County, City, Town, or School Board Meeting.**
- Participate in a Flag Retirement Ceremony:** May be planned by the unit or community service organization.
- Participate in a Constitution Day Activity on Thursday September 17, 2026.**
- Participate in a Veteran's Day Event.**
- Participate in a Memorial Day Event.**
- Help Senior citizens.** Minimum 2 service hours.
- Interview a Veteran:** Write a short story about the veteran's experiences. Share what you learned with your unit.

OUTDOOR MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

- Visit a National or State Park:** Complete the Junior Ranger Program or hike 2 miles with your unit or your family and take a photo.
- Service in the Outdoors:** Participate in a council camp service project or participate in a Anthony Wayne Area Council service project.
- Complete Requirements for:**
Leave no Trace or Outdoor Code.
- Participate in the Cleaning of a Waterway.**
- Participation in a COPE Activity.**
- Participate in the Great American Cleanup.**
- Participate in Fort Wayne's Annual Great Tree Canopy Comeback.**
- Participate in a Nature Program at a State, County, or City Park.**
- Become a Certified Angler.**
- Complete a Naturalist Course.**
- Complete a Hunter's/Boater's Education Class.**

INNOVATION & THE FUTURE

- Participate in a STEM or STEAM Related Activity.**
- Develop an Idea that Demonstrates how Scouts can Innovate for the Future.**
- Develop and Demonstrate an AI Project.**
- Participate in a Science Fair.**
- Visit a Science or Art Museum, Space Museum, or Planetarium.**
- Earn 2 of any of the following 12 STEM Merit Badges:**
Animal Science, Astronomy, Automotive Maintenance, Chemistry, Digital Technology, Engineering, Environmental Science, Geology, Nuclear Science, Plant Science, Robotics, Space Exploration.
- Complete 2 Adventures in the Cub Scout STEM Elective Adventures**

*This program is open to all registered members
of the Anthony Wayne Area Council*

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of Scouting America, Anthony Wayne Area Council, to serve others by helping to instill values in young people and in other ways prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime in achieving their full potential. The values we strive to instill are based on those found in the Boy Scout Oath and Law.

Counties Served: Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Jay, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells and Whitley



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