

AMERICA 250 HERITAGE IN ACTION

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Scouting America
Transatlantic Council



Heritage in Action Award



In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the United States, the Transatlantic Council is proud to introduce the America 250 Heritage in Action Award. Scouts living overseas experience American identity in a uniquely global context. The America 250 Heritage in Action Award reflects not just where the nation began, but how its ideals are lived around the world today.

Participants may earn the award by completing requirements in three categories:

LEARN: Understanding history and values

PARTICIPATE: Engaging in events and community

ACT: Serving and making a difference

Award Requirements

- ★ Each Scout (or adult) completes a minimum number of requirements from each category, appropriate to their program level between Jan 1, 2026, and Dec 31, 2026.
- ★ Completion of activities must be approved by your Unit Leader.
- ★ Your registration with the Transatlantic Council must be up to date.
- ★ Award forms must be submitted by Jan 31, 2027, to receive the award.
- ★ You must complete the requirements associated with your current Scouting America registration.

**Submit a copy of your completed booklet to
TAC-ServiceCenter-802@scouting.org, using
subject line: Heritage in Action Award.**





Cub Scouts



Cub Scouts may complete America 250 Award requirements individually, but they are especially encouraged to explore them together as a den or even as an entire pack. Working as a group, through shared activities, discussions, and service projects, makes the experience more engaging and fun, while helping Scouts learn from one another and build stronger connections.

Learn (Complete 4)



LEADER INITIAL
& DATE

	Learn about the American Revolution and share one story with your den or pack.	
	Identify two important American symbols (e.g., flag, eagle) and explain what they mean. Share with your den or pack.	
	Learn about a famous American (e.g., George Washington). Share with your den or pack what they did.	
	Learn how Americans celebrate independence while living abroad, including military families, and share what you have learned with your den or pack.	
	Discover what the Declaration of Independence is and why it is important to Americans. Interview at least three Americans and share your insights with your den or pack.	
	Explain what “freedom” or “being independent” means in simple terms.	
	Locate a historical marker or building in your community that has a connection to the United States, then share what you learned with your den or pack.	
	Explore the country where you live and identify one way the United States has had an impact on it.	
	Learn about where you live and name one way it is similar to or different from the United States.	





Cub Scouts



Participate (Complete 4)



LEADER INITIAL
& DATE

	Take part in a den or pack event celebrating America 250.	
	Prepare or help prepare an American-style food as part of a Scouting activity.	
	Take part in an American-themed game or outdoor activity with your den or pack.	
	Learn a song, story, or tradition from U.S. culture and share it with your pack or den.	
	Complete one of TAC's historic trails.	
	Participate in a flag ceremony with your den or pack.	
	Participate in a cultural exchange activity with local youth (school, club, or community group).	
	Visit a museum with an exhibit connected to the United States. Share what you discovered with your den or pack by creating a drawing, giving a short talk, or doing a show-and-tell.	
	Take part in an Independence Day celebration.	
	Join a ceremony or celebration held at an overseas installation, American cemetery, or American community overseas.	





Cub Scouts



Act (Complete 2)



LEADER INITIAL
& DATE

	Do a service project with your den or pack that helps your community (clean-up, helping others, etc.). Log your service hours in Scoutbook. Minimum of 2 hours.	
	Create a poster, drawing, or craft showing what America means to you and share it with your den or pack.	
	Help welcome a new American family to your community.	
	Participate in a food drive (Scouting for Food).	
	Community Partnership: Invite a school, church, or civic group to join in a Scouting event.	

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were successfully fulfilled by:



Scout Name

Rank

Leader Name

Leader Signature and Date

Unit

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Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts



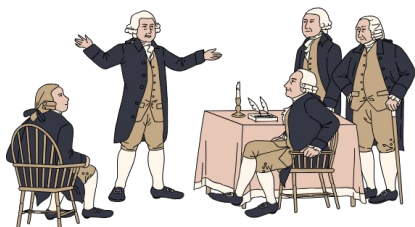
Scouts BSA members, Venturers, and Sea Scouts may complete America 250 Award requirements individually, but are encouraged to work together as a patrol, crew, ship, or unit. Collaborating through shared activities, discussions, and service projects strengthens teamwork, deepens understanding, and makes the experience more meaningful and rewarding.

Learn (Complete 3)



LEADER INITIAL
& DATE

	Explain the causes and outcomes of the American Revolution.	
	Discuss key ideas in the Declaration of Independence and how they apply today.	
	Research a lesser-known figure from the Revolutionary era and present their contribution.	
	Compare the American Revolution with the history of the country's independence or government where you live.	
	Research how American alliances (e.g., through NATO) connect the U.S. with your host country.	
	Locate a historical marker or building in your community that has a connection to the United States, then share what you learned with your unit.	





Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts



Participate (Complete 4)



LEADER INITIAL
& DATE

Take part in an America 250-themed campout, hike, or other outdoor activity.	
Plan and cook an American meal for your unit.	
Teach an American-origin game, sport, or skill.	
Complete one of TAC's historic trails.	
Assist with an Eagle Scout Project.	
Complete two of the following merit badges in 2026: American Business, American Cultures , American Heritage, American Indian Culture, American Labor, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the Community, Scouting Heritage	
Attend or help organize a ceremony or educational event about American history.	
Attend or support an America 250 event hosted at a U.S. embassy, consulate, or military installation.	
Participate in a joint activity with local Scouts or youth organizations from your host country.	
Visit a historical site in the country you live in and reflect on its connection (or contrast) to American history.	
Visit a historical site, museum, or virtual program related to U.S. history.	





Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts



Act (Complete 3)



LEADER INITIAL
& DATE

	Plan and lead a service project benefiting your community. Log your service hours in Scoutbook. Minimum of 2 hours.	
	Organize or assist with a flag retirement ceremony.	
	Mentor younger Scouts (Cub Scouts) in completing their America 250 activities.	
	Help welcome a new American family to your community.	
	Participate in a food drive (Scouting for Food).	
	Community Partnership: Invite a school, church, or civic group to join in a Scouting event.	

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Scouters / Adults



Scouters and adults may complete the America 250 Heritage in Action Award individually, but are especially encouraged to support and participate alongside youth members and fellow leaders within their unit, district, or community. By mentoring Scouts, facilitating meaningful discussions, and helping lead activities and service projects, adults play an important role in bringing the values of citizenship, service, and American heritage to life in a global Scouting environment.

Learn (Complete 2)

✓		LEADER INITIAL & DATE
	Study or help a Scout explore the historical significance of the Declaration of Independence and its global impact.	
	Explore how Scouting values align with the founding principles of the United States.	
	Learn about transatlantic connections during the American Revolution.	
	Reflect on how Scouting abroad strengthens understanding of American civic ideals.	





Scouters / Adults



Participate (Complete 4)



LEADER INITIAL
& DATE

Support or lead an America 250 event within your unit or district.	
Take part in an America 250-themed campout, hike, or other outdoor activity.	
Assist with the planning and cooking of an American meal for your unit.	
Teach an American-origin game, sport, or skill.	
Complete one of TAC's historic trails.	
Attend a lecture, seminar, or training related to American history or civic leadership.	
Facilitate youth-led discussions on citizenship or service.	
Facilitate a merit badge opportunity for one of the following merit badges: American Business, American Cultures , American Heritage, American Indian Culture, American Labor, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the Community, Scouting Heritage	
Guide Scouts through completing the award	
Encourage critical thinking rather than rote learning	
Support youth-led elements in program delivery.	





Scouters / Adults



Act (Complete 2)



LEADER INITIAL
& DATE

	Mentor youth leaders in planning and executing America 250 activities.	
	Coordinate a unit or council-wide service initiative.	
	Partner with a community organization to promote civic engagement or historical awareness.	
	Welcome a new American family to your community and to a Scouting event.	
	Participate in a food drive (Scouting for Food).	
	Community Partnership: Invite a school, church, or civic group to join in a Scouting event.	
	Organize or support a public or community-facing event tied to the 250th anniversary.	

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Scouter / Adult Name

Signature and Date

Unit

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