



February 2025

Dear Friends,

**Happy Birthday to us!** On February 8, 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was founded and since that time our movement has become ingrained in our country's history and culture. Millions of Scouts have participated in our programs and benefited from Scouting's commitment to developing young people to be moral and ethical leaders in our communities.

During our one-hundred- and fifteen-year history, many traditions in Scouting have remained the same. The values of the Scout Oath and Law have endured as has the quality of character and leadership of our Scouts and alumni. Our programs still remain deeply rooted in the outdoors, developing both self-reliance and teamwork while also fostering an appreciation of nature and environmental conservation.

Yet during that one-hundred-and-fifteen history, Scouting has evolved. Our programs today are relevant to contemporary young people with advancement opportunities now including forward looking career paths to compliment outdoor activities. Our commitment to giving back to communities has been enhanced with service projects and community service now a part of every Scout's experience. Modern management and leadership training helps propel our Scouts further, guiding them to success inside and outside of Scouting. And most importantly, Scouting is inclusive, serving all youth – boys and girls, young men and young women.

To celebrate our 115<sup>th</sup> birthday, we are giving ourselves a present – a gift that we look forward to sharing with every Scout, Scouting family, volunteer, friend, and the community at large. To celebrate our birthday, we are giving ourselves a new name! Effective February 8, 2025, the Boy Scouts of America will recognize the legacy and evolution of our movement and adopt the business name of Scouting America.

The Marin Council, Scouting America is proud of the influence we have had for more than a century and we look forward to an even greater breadth of service for future generations under our new mantle, honored to serve all youth, committed to the Scout Oath and Law.

We welcome you to the Marin Council, Scouting America.

Yours in Scouting,

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Kevin Krick  
President, Board Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Cardinal".

Chris Cardinal  
Commissioner

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Michael Dybeck  
Scout Executive, CEO

P.S. Adopting a new brand name after over a century of BSA identity will take some time for transition. We ask your understanding and patience as materials and publications are updated over the coming months.