LIBERTY IN ACTION

AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Let's Make History Together Starting March 2026 through February 2027

As America celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Scouting America invites you to explore ideas about citizenship and community, take on creative challenges, and visit historic places. Team up with friends and family to complete these challenges to learn about and celebrate the spirit of our country.

1. Founding Ideals in Today's Life

Choose one from the following options:

a) Research what these three famous phrases from the Declaration of Independence meant in 1776 and what they mean today, and provide modern examples showing how they apply in real life to a family member, friend, or your unit:

- "We hold these truths to be self-evident …"
- "All men are created equal …"
- "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness …"

b) Identify something that makes you think of fairness, freedom, or happiness, and share your findings with a family member, friend, or your unit. Explain how it connects to your life.

2. Civic Spirit & Scouting

Choose one from the following options:

a) Research and share examples of times when Scouting America or the Exploring program supported national spirit — such as significant service efforts, national events, or community initiatives. Share your findings with a family member, friend, or your unit.

b) Create a time capsule — real, digital, or a simple list of items. Choose things that best show what Scouting in America or the Exploring program is all about.

3. Creative Expression

Choose one from the following options:

a) Design a unit-level shoulder patch or commemorative coin for the United States Semiquincentennial (250th anniversary). Explain the symbolism you chose to a family member, friend, or your unit.

b) Perform a 2- to 3-minute speech on one of the listed topics:

- What liberty means to me in 2026
- One right I won't take for granted
- An American who inspires me and why
- What freedom looks like where I live

c) Create a short video (60-90 seconds) or a poster series suitable for sharing on social media that connects the ideals of 1776 to life today. (Youth must have parent/guardian approval before any posting.)

d) Learn a skill or play a game from the 1700s.

4. Founding Era Site Visit (In-Person or Virtual)

Choose one from the following options:

a) Visit a site from the American founding era (1760–1805). Virtual tours qualify.

b) Attend the National Jamboree "America250" display.

c) Research your local community's history and its development since 1776, and share what you learn with a family member, friend, or your unit.

d) Participate in a 250th anniversary celebration event.

5. Service Milestone - Part of Scouting America's Impact365 Initiative

Participate in a service project that reflects American founding ideals — such as service to community, civic responsibility, liberty, equality, or the common good. Record and submit your service hours.

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