

2026

GUEST SPEAKER

DEVON HARRIS

Olympian Bobsledder

2026 EAGLE CLUB RECOGNITION BREAKFAST

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Born on Christmas Day, 1964, and raised in a violent ghetto environment in Kingston, Jamaica, the greatest gift Devon Harris ever received was the belief that a positive attitude and a never say die philosophy would carry him farther than a sense of injustice and a heart filled with anger.

A graduate of the prestigious Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in England, Devon received a Queen's Commission in December 1985 and served in the officer corps of the Jamaica Defence Force until December 1992, when he retired as a Captain.

At the heart of Devon's message are the lessons he has learned of the power of persistence over all sorts of obstacles in order to live one's best life. His mission is to bring this message of how everyone can keep on pushing and working for their dreams every day of their professional as well as personal lives.

Encouraged by his commanding officer, Devon tried out for and was selected to the first Jamaican bobsled team, which competed in the 1988 Olympic Games in Calgary, Canada. Their exploits inspired the Disney blockbuster movie *Cool Runnings*. Devon also competed in and was captain of the 1992 Winter Olympic Games in Albertville, France, and the 1998 Games in Nagano, Japan.

The Keep On Pushing Foundation, which he founded in 2006, aims to support and enhance the education of kids in disadvantaged communities around the globe by providing practical solutions to the challenges that are preventing them from getting educated.

Devon also works with Right to Play as an athlete ambassador, supporting Right to Play's efforts in using sports and play in refugee camps around the world to enhance child development and build community capacity.

During the 2018 Olympic Games in PyeongChang, Devon was honored by the World Olympian Association and inducted as an Olympian for Life in recognition of the significant contribution he has made to society.



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EAGLE CLUB PARTICIPATION LEVELS:

DIAMOND EAGLE
\$5,000 and up

GOLDEN EAGLE
\$3,000

BRONZE EAGLE
\$750

EAGLE CLUB
\$150

PLATINUM EAGLE
\$4,000

SILVER EAGLE
\$1,500

PATRON EAGLE
\$300

As an ex-serviceman, Devon understands the commitment, sense of duty and sacrifices made by those who volunteer to serve. He has devoted time to visit the troops serving in the Persian Gulf.

He is the author of the motivational children's book, *Yes, I Can!* and the semi-autobiographical motivational book *Keep On Pushing: Hot Lesson From Cool Runnings*.

OVERVIEW

The Andrew Jackson Council is excited to host the **3rd Annual Eagle Club Recognition Breakfast**, which serves as the kick-off to launch another great year of Scouting in Central and Southwest Mississippi and the **2026 Friends of Scouting Campaign**. The funds raised by this campaign provide for all Scouting programs that instill character and leadership and teach young people the skills they will need for life. The 3rd Annual Eagle Club Recognition Breakfast will be as follows:

WHEN: 7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m., Tuesday, February 17, 2026
(Doors open @7:00 am)

WHERE: Sheraton Flowood -The Refuge Hotel & Conference Center

WHY: Because Scouting's community and business leaders are busy, active people, this breakfast is designed to create a stimulating environment demonstrating the achievements of Scouting and its impact on our daily lives.

The Friends of Scouting Campaign is the primary funding source for the council and provides over \$400,000.00 in support.

PURPOSE: The Eagle Club serves as an inspirational kick-off to our 2026 Friends of Scouting efforts. At breakfast, Eagle Club Table Hosts, Corporate leaders, Eagle Club Committee members, and Scouting volunteers will host their prospects and friends and encourage them to renew their Friends of Scouting gifts or give for the very first time. This is targeted to secure personal and corporate gifts from donors who make gifts annually. This will also enable us to enroll new givers to our annual Friends of Scouting campaign. This breakfast will enable the council to have a strong position in the first quarter of its fiscal year while conserving staff and volunteer time. This time saved can then be applied serving the council's growing membership and program.

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