

STEAKOUT 2025 ADULT SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Navigating Online Applications & Registration FAQs, Caleb Caldwell & Dawn Niece

Our Council only accepts online applications, so being prepared is essential. This refresher (or introduction) will walk through how to submit and accept applications, use the Application & Invitation Manager in My.Scouting, and connect with BeAScout.org. Attendees with unit access are encouraged to bring laptops to practice live during the session. Additionally, GNYC is unique in having a dedicated Support Desk for volunteers. In this session, Dawn Niece will walk through common registration roadblocks, frequently asked questions, and provide live answers to your unit's specific concerns. Come ready to ask and learn!

Building Your Annual Budget: Strong Budget, Strong Unit, Felix Lam

Every strong Scouting unit starts with a strong budget. Learn from the council's CFO and staff about building a realistic and balanced unit budget. Units are encouraged to bring a copy of their budgets. Whether you're a new or seasoned leader, walk away with tools to ensure your program is financially sustainable.

Scouts BSA Co-Ed Pilot: Panel Discussion, Javon Arnold

Greater New York Councils was selected for the National Scouts BSA Co-Ed Troop Pilot, with one boys' troop and one girls' troop from each borough forming five co-ed troops. This panel features leaders sharing real experiences on operations, patrol method, committee structure, and troop culture. Bring your questions and learn what might be ahead if co-ed troops are approved nationally.

Rethinking Unit Fundraising: What Would You Do with \$5,000?, Melvin Antigua

"Fundraising" and "popcorn" can feel like tired words—but what if your unit had an extra \$5,000 to make your annual program calendar possible? This session flips the script, showing how to connect your budget goals with a proven council fundraising opportunity. Hear the latest on this year's popcorn campaign (including reduced prices!) and learn how to launch a successful unit-level kickoff.

The Five-Senses Recruitment Experience and Hosting a Successful Sign-Up Event, GNYC Field Team

This session introduces a new interactive, five-senses model for presenting Scouting at schools, tabling events, recess activities, or community fairs. After tabling presentations, flyers, and school outreach bring families to your door, the sign-up event is where it all comes together. The second half of this session will help leaders design a welcoming and effective sign-up event, with hands-on materials and resources to maximize recruitment success.

2026 Program & Camping Updates with Live Q&A, Saroya Friedman-Gonzalez & GNYC Staff

Join the Greater New York Councils Camping Team along with Scout Executive and Council Commissioner for an in-depth session on what's ahead for Scouting in New York City. This session will feature exciting updates on Alpine and Ten Mile River Summer Camps, Council fee changes, and other key program highlights. The presentation will be followed by an open Q&A with Saroya and Luis — your chance to hear directly from our leadership and get your questions answered.

The Guide to Safe Scouting, Tom Bain

All participants in official Scouting activities should become familiar with the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#). The *Guide to Safe Scouting* is an overview of Scouting policies and procedures gleaned from a variety of sources. This session introduces and reviews these guidelines with unit leaders and shares GNYC-specific practices for incident reporting and risk management. Come learn how we protect youth—and how leaders can stay prepared and compliant.

Summit High Adventure Info Session, Johnny Tracy

The Summit offers Scouts a distinctive opportunity to experience five unique high-adventure experiences with one thing in common: the experience of a lifetime. The session will explore which high adventure experience suits your unit.