



PRESS RELEASE

Scouting America, Longhouse Council Announces New Leadership

Syracuse, NY — [June 25, 2025] — At last week's Annual Meeting, Scouting America, Longhouse Council proudly announced the selection of new leadership to guide the council's mission of preparing young people to make ethical and moral choices throughout their lives.

David Aitken has been selected to serve as the new Council President, bringing years of experience and dedication to the Scouting movement. Aitken's leadership, passion, and commitment to youth development will play a key role in shaping the council's future and strengthening its programs across Central and Northern New York. He most recently served as Vice President of ScoutReach and is also the Committee Chair for Pack 22 and Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 22, both of Jamesville.

Joining Aitken in this leadership transition is Kraig Rando, who has been named Council Commissioner. Rando will serve as the lead volunteer responsible for supporting and empowering unit-level Scouting, ensuring the highest quality program delivery to Scouts and adult leaders throughout the council. Kraig has served in a number of roles during his time in the Longhouse Council, including District Chair of the Towpath District, and is the current Committee Chair of Troop 888 in Oswego.

"I'm thrilled to be able to work with these top-level professionals as we deliver the Scouting Program to the communities we serve" said Edwin Theetge, Scout Executive and CEO. "David and Kraig are some of the best Scouters I know, and will no doubt bring their experience and leadership to the table".

About, Scouting America, Longhouse Council:

The Longhouse Council serves thousands of young people across Central and Northern New York, delivering programs that build character, teach responsibility, and instill lifelong skills. Through the Scout Oath and Law, Scouting America prepares young people for a lifetime of ethical leadership and service. For more information about Scouting programs in Central and Northern New York, visit www.CNYScouts.org.

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