



LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT

Announcing a National Strategic Partnership

Between Scouting America and the National Catholic Educational Association

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Our shared purpose

Scouting America and the National Catholic Educational Association share a conviction that young people grow best when they are trusted with responsibility, challenged in the company of their peers, and formed by adults who take their development seriously. NCEA serves 5,852 Catholic schools and the diocesan offices that guide them. Scouting America delivers character, leadership and outdoor programs through 226 local councils and more than 3,500 Catholic-chartered units serving over 87,000 young people.

Today Scouting is present in 61 of NCEA's member schools. Both organizations believe that number reflects the absence of a working relationship rather than any absence of fit. This partnership exists to change it — to make Scouting genuinely available to Catholic school communities that do not have it today, in a way that serves each school's own mission rather than competing with it.

What we are undertaking together

- 01 A practical pathway into member schools.** A clear, supported route for any NCEA member school that wishes to charter a Scouting unit, with a named local contact rather than a national phone number.
- 02 Resources built jointly, not handed over.** A school resource kit developed with Catholic educators — covering safeguarding and adult screening, the chartering process, religious emblems, and what Scouting looks like inside a Catholic school — so that it answers the questions principals actually ask.
- 03 Shared communication.** Joint announcement, shared authorship of materials, and co-hosted convenings for school leaders. Each organization approves any use of the other's name and marks.

04 Shared platforms. Each organization will open selected national convenings to the other, so the partnership is visible to both communities and not only to one.

05 Honest, shared measurement. Agreed indicators reported to both organizations on a regular cadence, including outcomes that are disappointing. A unit that does not endure is not a success for either party.

Status of this letter

This letter records shared intent and marks the formation of the partnership publicly. It is not a contract, it creates no financial obligation for either organization, and it does not itself grant any license to use the other party's name, marks or member data.

A national agreement between Scouting America and the National Catholic Educational Association is in development, together with an addendum setting out specific activities, responsibilities, term and investment. Those documents, once executed, will govern the partnership. Where this letter and the executed agreement differ, the agreement controls.

Either organization may conclude this engagement in writing at any time before the agreement is executed, without cost or prejudice to the other.

Signed on behalf of both organizations

 **FOR SCOUTING AMERICA**
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