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Non-Profit Spotlight

Cradle of Liberty Council, Scouting America

What happens when kids are given a safe place to learn, grow, and explore? For 118 students in the Pottstown area, the answer is Scouting. Through after-school Cub Scouting programs at Barth, Franklin, and Rupert Elementary Schools, children are discovering their potential, building confidence, and finding the courage to dream bigger.



These after-school programs give students opportunities they might not otherwise have. Each week, the Scouts met to build pinewood derby cars, listen to community leaders, take part in various service projects, and enjoy outdoor adventures to name a few. Many also attended summer camp, where they gained independence, resilience, and a love of being active in nature.



The impact is clear. According to program evaluation surveys, **four out of five participants said Scouting helped them** be better leaders, improve in school, make new friends, and do good deeds. Just as importantly, most shared that the program gave them a trusted adult they could turn to when facing tough choices in their life.

The Scouts themselves tell the story best. "It (Scouting) let me have the opportunity to have more freedom, privileges, and have fun. It taught me how to be loyal, clean, and friendly," said Brysin, a student at Franklin Elementary. Dalila, from Barth Elementary, added, "It helped me become less lazy. It also helped me with drinking more water and less soda. It helped me by giving me the courage to clean and pick up trash from the park."

Scouting is more than just **Cub Scouts**. From **Scouts BSA** for youth ages 11 to 17, to **Venturing** for teens seeking high-adventure experiences, to **Sea Scouts** and **Exploring**, Scouting offers programs that build leadership, teamwork, and real world skills. Each program helps youth grow in character, confidence, and service while preparing them for whatever path they choose in life.



By opening doors to Scouting, the Cradle of Liberty Council is helping young boys and girls in the Pottstown region rise above challenges, break negative cycles, and set a foundation for brighter futures. These programs are not only shaping individual lives, they are strengthening families, schools, and the broader community. For more information, visit: scoutingphilly.org

The Pottstown Regional Community Foundation is proud to support the Cradle of Liberty Council as they expand access to Scouting in the Pottstown area. By creating meaningful opportunities for youth to learn, lead, and give back



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