

Gunpowder Falls District Membership Kickoff (Roundtable) Meeting Summary

Date: August 11, 2026

Location: St. Isaac Jogues Church

Opening and Welcome

The District Membership Kickoff Roundtable featured a warm welcome from the leadership team. Round Table Commissioner, Bill Mann opened the meeting with enthusiasm, highlighting the evening's focus on membership.

Key Announcements and Discussions

- **Scouting and Membership:** The meeting emphasized the importance of membership growth, as it is foundational to a healthy scouting unit .
- **Safety Moment:** A safety moment focused on tree safety. Leaders were advised to "always look up".
- **Upcoming Events:**

Event	Date	Notes
September Round Tabel - Membership Cookout	8 September 2026	Encouraged to bring families; Facebook page will have updates.
Bengies Drive-In	12-13 September 2026	Open registration.
Webelos Camporee S	16-18 October 2026	Recruiting event with fun activities for potential new members.

- **Resource Sharing:** A one-page information sheet was distributed to provide leaders with essential contact information and resources for the district. The district plans to update this document monthly.

Membership Retention and Recruitment Strategies

The leadership team addressed strategies for recruitment and retention, acknowledging that scouting has evolved to include more family-based activities. Retention strategies involve engaging adults in volunteer roles and creating a welcoming environment for both current and prospective scouts

Troop Breakout

Recruiting and retention lessons learned were discussed.

Pack Breakout

A practice recruiting event was held to demonstrate recruitment techniques.

Conclusion

The meeting concluded with a reminder of the district's commitment to scouting values and a call to action for all leaders to actively participate in the upcoming events and recruitment efforts.