Wayne Brock, chief scout executive for the Boy Scouts of America, talks with Eagle Scout Justyn De Queiroz at the Hilton on Tuesday morning. (Rhett Butler/The Daily Reflector)

Chief Scout Executive for the Boy Scouts of America Wayne Brock speaks at the Hilton on Tuesday morning. (Rhett Butler/The Daily Reflector)

“Scouting was a molding force for me as a young kid. Those memories remain as clear to me today as they were when I was 10 years old. The principles that scouting instilled in me carry me through even to this day and make a difference to people in Greenville and all of eastern North Carolina.”

Allen Thomas
Greenville mayor

Positive relationships with adults, education in life skills and opportunities to develop leadership in the community are keys to successful youth development, the national Boy Scouts leader said Tuesday in Greenville.

Eastern North Carolina native Wayne Brock, an East Carolina University graduate, made Greenville his first stop along a state tour to talk with about 50 adult Scouting alumni and supporters and several young Scouts about the values that make Scouting important to society.

“If kids grow up with the values of family, school and community, the chances of them growing up to be the kind of people we want them to be are very high,” said Brock, who began his career as a district Scouting executive in New Bern. “That describes Scouting and what we do.”