

On March 20th 2014, Boys Scouts from Troop 55 helped Forestville Elementary School run its first international Math Kangaroo competition. The competition is a cooperative effort among many nations who choose the same math challenges and hold the event on the same day worldwide.

In 2013, 13,359 students participated in the event, including 1178 students from Virginia. This year, for the first time, Forestville elementary school applied and became one of the test centers in Virginia, with 68 students participating.

Boys Scouts from Troop 55 assisted with check-in, seating, and maintaining the test environment, as well as official photographers for the event. One Troop 55 Boy Scout was tasked with being the school mascot - the "Cardinal" – keeping the environment fun and enjoyable for the participating students.

Forestville Elementary school Assistant Principal Mrs. Arbach, and the event leaders - science & math teachers Mrs. Conselatore , Mrs. Goglio-Zarczynski and Ms. McFarland, were very grateful for the assistance from Troop 55. Goglio-Zarczynski commented, “We very much appreciate the support from Mr. Ye and the Troop 55 Scouts who helped make the event run smoothly.” Forestville teachers agreed they look forward to working with Troop 55 Boy Scouts in the future to bring additional STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activities to the community.