



COUNCIL LEADERSHIP NEWSLETTER

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*The Council Leadership Newsletter is a weekly digest of information for key local council and council service territory volunteers from multiple BSA sources. Learn more about the items important to you and **please share appropriate content with other Scouters.***

BSA Roadmap and National Operations Update

Last week you should have received an email from Council Operations with a [link](#) to information from the webinars concerning the BSA Roadmap and National Operations Update held recently for council service territory leads and council Key 3s.

Marketing Bootcamp

The 2024 BSA Marketing Bootcamp will be held *on March 14 and March 21* at 7pm Central. If you attend both sessions, you'll become a BSA Certified Marketer for 2024 and will be awarded this year's digital badge. Learn more about the Bootcamp content and register [here](#).

Wilderness First Aid Certification

Current Wilderness First Aid certification continues to be required for all backcountry adventures that meet the National Camp Accreditation Program definition of a "trek program" (see NCAP standard PS-218). As a reminder, a current CPR/AED certification from a nationally recognized agency is a pre-requisite for a Wilderness First Aid course. [This document](#) provides suggestions on how units and trek programs can complete this critical safety certification requirement.

Supply Group Details for Cub Scouting Program Updates

Starting *Monday, February 12*, council-run Scout Shops can begin ordering the new Cub Scout handbooks and insignia merchandise using a special recommendation order form that will be provided to them directly. This information will be provided to all council-run Scout Shops this week to ensure a smooth transition. National Scout Shops will begin selling these items on *April 15*.

"Understanding and Preventing Youth-on-Youth Abuse for Camp Staff and NYLT Staff"

Per National Camp Accreditation Program Standard SQ-402.B.2 - All camp staff must take "Understanding and Preventing Youth-on-Youth Abuse Training for Camp Staff, No. 430-149" annually. This critical training focuses on prevention of youth-on-youth incidents that might occur within the context of Scouting, especially in a camping or overnight setting. It is designed to help prepare camp staff and adult leaders to prevent and appropriately respond to these incidents. This is an in-person training and can be instructed by a currently National Camping School certified camp director, council Scout executive or a Scout executive's designee. Note - this is the same material that should be used to instruct NYLT staff. Materials may be found [here](#) and [here](#).

2024 Ammunition for BSA Camps Purchasing

The exclusive 2024 Spring Boy Scouts of America Program PowerApps registration window for ordering camp ammunition opened *February 1st* and will close *February 15th* (or until product limits are met.) See your Scout executive for details.

The All Commissioner Newsletter

The February *All Commissioner Newsletter* is out. If you did not receive it, you can read the issue, and find previous issues, [here](#).

- **Delivering Great, S.A.F.E. Programs** - S.A.F.E. Scouting should not be a barrier to fun and adventure.
- **Commissioner Impact Session** - The next in-person impact session covers the new Cub Scout program.
- **Whittlin' Chip Will Be Retired** – Three new electives will focus on knife safety.
- **Cub Scout STEM Adventures** - Each rank now has at least one STEM Adventure.
- **Commissioner Week 2024** - Registration is open for the 2024 conferences at the Philmont Training Center.
- **Scouts BSA Boards of Review** – The Board of Review process doesn't have to be confusing.
- **Winter Activity Safety** - Cold weather outings require special considerations.

Primary vs. Multiple Camp Staff Registration Reminder

Effective in *March 2024* - all multiple position registration expiration dates within a council will be automatically aligned with the member's paid (primary) position expiration date, including anyone registered as camp staff as a multiple. Council and camp leadership must keep a close eye on the expiration dates of camp staff registrations. It's crucial to make sure no one on the camp staff has a BSA registration that expires before the camp season concludes.

My.Scouting

Most of us have more than one current BSA member number – such as a local council number and a National Council number. If you have not already, be sure to enter both numbers into a single My.Scouting account using “Manage Member ID.” Doing this will link your training to both numbers. You can switch back and forth to use the linked Tools you need by selecting the one you need and making it “Primary.” (You will need to log out and back in.) Alternating each as “Primary” and letting each remain active for a couple of hours will link any new training taken. This is especially important after you take *Youth Protection Training* to have it connected to both numbers.

While you are there, check to be sure your contact information for all member numbers is correct in “My Profile.”

Back Issues of the Packet

We have created a repository of the most recent back issues of the *Newsletter* and its predecessor *Packet*. Find them [here](#).

Reminders from Previous Newsletters

Cub Scouting updates [Linktree page](#)

National Marketing Awards deadline *February 15, 2024* – [here](#)

National Duty to God Award due by *February 29, 2024* - [here](#)

Feedback on the BSA Roadmap and National Operations Update to territory director by *February 15*

Monthly council membership goals entered by *February 15*

Executive board approved membership plan is due by *March 29*

Council progress reviews should be completed by *March 31*

Trail To Adventure Blog - [here](#)

Webinar Links

Council Finance and Development - [here](#)

Monthly Membership Rally - [Registration](#)

Cub Chat Live (every Friday at 2pm CT) - [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

Troop Talk Live (second Wednesday of each month at 2 pm CT) - [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

Leading our Adventures (every other Friday at 5pm CT) - [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

Developing a Mental, Emotional, Social Health (MESH) Plan for Your Camp(s) – *February 15* - [Registration](#)

2024 National Pre Camp Leaders Meeting - *March 7* - [Registration](#)

Climb to Success: How to Facilitate COPE & Climbing Programs For Your Council - *April 11* - [Registration](#)

Important Links

Youth Safety - [here](#)

2024 Good Turn Society - [here](#)

Program Updates - [here](#)

News for Commissioners - [here](#)

National Council Videos - [here](#)

BSA Event Management – [here](#)

Abilities Digest - [here](#)

National Camp Accreditation Program 2024 - [here](#)

Marketing and Recruitment Resources - [here](#)

Health and Safety - [here](#)

Scouting News - [here](#)

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