



COUNCIL SERVICE TERRITORY VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP NEWSLETTER

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*The Council Service Territory Volunteer 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.***

Voting Members of the National Council Webinar

A reminder that Session 1 of the 2024 National Annual Meeting of the National Council is scheduled for *Friday, April 12th* from 2:00-3:00pm CT via webinar. The webinar information can be found in an email to voting members (March 12) and National Annual Meeting registrants (April 5) received from the Office of the National Chair.

As a reminder, voting members of the National Council include volunteer council presidents (or chairs if that structure is used), council commissioners, elected National Council representatives, National Executive Board members, and elected National Council members-at-large.

BSA Alumni Association Welcome Reception

The BSA Alumni Association will be hosting a welcome reception at the National Annual Meeting on *Sunday, May 5 from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm*. Extend the invitation to all Scouting alums who are planning to be at the meeting or live within driving distance of the event. Reception attendees do not have to be annual meeting registrants to attend. At the reception, attendees can join fellow BSA Alumni and explore the critical role everyone plays in moving Scouting forward. Registration for the reception can be found [here](#). The registration deadline is *April 19th*.

Incident Reporting Site Updated

The BSA's Incident Reporting site has been updated. The updates to the landing page aim to streamline the reporting process, provide comprehensive guidance for Units and Councils, and offer valuable resources for handling various incidents. Key highlights of the updates include the following: Enhanced Support for Units, Council-Level Guidance, and Riskconnect FAQ's: Information on Riskconnect. Please visit [here](#).

New BSA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Manager

Xaviera Henderson has joined the BSA as Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Manager, effective April 8, 2024. Xaviera joins the BSA with eight years' experience in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, as well as experience in talent acquisition and management, employee engagement, marketing, event planning and customer service. Most recently, Xaviera served as Vice-President, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, for Home Partners of America, a division of Blackstone.

National Insurance Renewals

Effective March 1, 2024, the Local Council Directors and Officers Liability Insurance policies were renewed with coverage identical to prior year's coverage. The General Liability Insurance Program (GLIP) program has been renewed with the same broad coverage. The insurance limits will remain the same as 2023. See your Scout executive for more information.

Update to Scouting's Barriers to Abuse Concerning the Policy for 18–20-year-old Adult Leaders/Program Participants

Please note the update to the *Guide to Safe Scouting* ([here](#) at the bottom of the page) about youth members who turn 18 years old. Help communicate this important information to your units.

Council Service Territory Maps

You can find maps of the council service territories courtesy of the BSA Alumni Association [here](#). The official maps are in production and will soon be shared by Outdoor Programs and Properties.

Back Issues of the Packet

We have created a repository of the most recent back issues of the *Newsletter*. Find them [here](#). Be sure to check them out if you are new to this newsletter.

Reminders from Previous Newsletters

2026 National Jamboree – Request for Program Ideas - [here](#)

Monthly Membership Rally – register [here](#)

Philmont Training Center - [here](#)

Webinar Links

BSA Renewal System Overview - [here](#)

Council Finance and Development - [here](#)

Monthly Membership Rally - [Registration](#)

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

Planning, Supporting and Managing Your District and Council Short-Term Camps – April 25 – [Registration](#)

Program Livecasts

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](#)

Trek on Tuesday (Tuesdays at Noon PT) - [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

Important Links

Youth Safety - [here](#)

Health and Safety - [here](#)

Cub Scouting updates [Linktree page](#)

Aaron on Scouting - [here](#)

2024 Good Turn Society – [here](#) and [here](#)

Program Updates - [here](#)

News for Commissioners - [here](#)

Commissioner Newsletter - [here](#)

National Council Videos - [here](#)

BSA Event Management – [here](#)

Abilities Digest - [here](#)

Trail To Adventure Blog - [here](#)

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

Marketing and Recruitment Resources - [here](#)

Scouting Newsroom - [here](#)

Language of Scouting - [here](#)



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