

Council Service Territory Volunteer Leadership Newsletter



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*The Council Service Territory Volunteer Leadership Newsletter is an official weekly digest of information for key local council and council service territory volunteers from multiple official Scouting America sources. Learn more about the items that may be important to you and **please share appropriate content with other Scouters.***

Introducing a New Service Initiative, Impact365!

Join us for an informative webinar as we introduce Impact365, Scouting America's new national service initiative. We will share ways to activate around Scouting's partnership with America250, ways to support a national day of service, and more. You will walk away with critical details as you engage in council planning conferences and map out your year. For council staff - *Wednesday, January 7 at 12:00 pm Central*. Register [here](#). For volunteers - *Thursday, January 8 at 7:00 pm Central*. Register [here](#).

2026 Scouts BSA Advancement Updates

Planned 2026 Scouts BSA advancement updates are now available for review. These updates will take effect *January 1, 2026*. Find them [here](#).

Commissioner Tools

The council dashboard and some reports in My.Scouting Commissioner Tools have been updated.

Abilities Digest

Find the Winter2026 issue of *Abilities Digest* [here](#). Articles include:

- Safety Moment: Campfire Safety
- ToolBox Spotlight: Language Matters
- Making Advancement Clearer: Venturers and Sea Scouts
- Awareness Events: Jamboree 2026 and Philmont 2026 Conferences!
- Eagle Project Spotlight: Body Mapping Resources
- Recognizing Abilities: Torch of Gold, Woods Services deadline

Peer-On-Peer Abuse Training

A new online training course, which supersedes the previous facilitated course "Understanding and Preventing Youth-on-Youth Abuse," has been announced. "Peer-On-Peer Abuse" is an essential training specifically tailored for camp and National Youth Leadership Training staff and focuses on the prevention of youth-on-youth incidents that may arise during camp activities. Completion will award the training code CS95 with a one-year expiration. CS95 will no longer be available for manual entry.

New Range and Target Activities Manual

The National Range and Target Activities Committee has released an updated *Range and Target Activities Manual*, which will take effect on *January 1, 2026*. This revised manual reflects updates to current practices, clarifies guidance based on frequently asked questions, and incorporates changes intended to better support councils and local programs. The updated manual can be accessed [here](#).

Scouting U Week at Philmont

Scouting U invites all who are interested to step into the nation's premier volunteer training environment, the Philmont Training Center, to unite for a powerful one-week experience, *June 15-19, 2026*, designed to elevate every aspect of adult leader training and development across Scouting America. See more details and register [here](#).

Commissioner Newsletter

The *December 22* Commissioner Newsletter is available [here](#).

- MLK Day of Service, January 19
- Scouting Is For All
- Scouts BSA Advancement Updates
- New Unified Scouts BSA Handbook
- Social Media Is Where We Break News First
- We have Your Back
- Ask A Commissioner

Back Issues of the Volunteer Leadership Newsletter

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 and/or to review earlier issues.

Reminders from Previous Newsletters

Alumni and National Eagle Scout Association Award Deadlines - [here](#) and [here](#)
Scouting for Everyone – Los Angeles - *January 16 and 17* - [here](#)
Scouting U National Training Conference - Nashville - *March 26–28, 2026*
2026 National Annual Meeting - *May 10–16, 2026* – Dallas
Exploring New Unit Trainings - Sign up for the trainings [here](#)
Philmont Training Center 2026 Conferences - [here](#)
Venturing Program Updates video - [here](#)

Program Livecasts

Cub Chat Live (every Friday at 3 pm Eastern) - [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)
Troop Talk Live (second Wednesday of each month at 2 pm Central) - [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)
Leading our Adventures (every other Friday at 4 pm Mountain) - [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)
Trek on Tuesday (Tuesdays at Noon Pacific) - [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)
National Exploring Live Hour (Monthly) - Dates and information [here](#)

Webinars

Key-3 to Key-3 webinar - *February 23 at 1:00 pm Central*
Impact365
For council staff - *Wednesday, January 7 at 12:00 pm Central*. Register [here](#).
For volunteers - *Thursday, January 8 at 7:00 pm Central*. Register [here](#).
Outdoor Program and Properties

How to Develop a Wheels and Boards Committee in Your Council – *January 15 at 2:00 pm Central* – [here](#)

Non-Scout Use of Your Camp – HOW TO – *February 19 at 2:00 pm Central* – [here](#)

2026 Pre-Camp Leadership Meeting – *April 16 at 2:00 pm Central* – [here](#)

MESH at Camp (Mental, Emotional, Social Health) – *March 19 at 7:00 pm Central* – [here](#)

Alumni Webinars - 3:30 PM Pacific – Read more [here](#)

A Discussion with the National Eagle Scout Association President - *January 11* – Register [here](#)

Earning Your Scouting Alumni Award - *February 8*

Scouts BSA Advancement – *First Wednesday of each month* - Register [here](#) (Recording may be found [here](#))

Scouts BSA Membership Webinar – Find recording [here](#)

Monthly Fundraising Webinar – *Third Wednesday* at 2:00 pm Central - [here](#) and see recordings [here](#)

National Jamboree - Register for upcoming and view past webinars [here](#)

Newsletters/Blogs/Podcasts

Scouting Safety - [here](#)

Aaron on Scouting - [here](#)

Marketing – Subscribe [here](#)

Scouting in the Boardroom - [here](#)

Commissioner Newsletter - [here](#)

Trail To Adventure - [here](#)

Scouting Alumni - [here](#)

Training Times - [here](#)

Abilities Digest - [here](#)

Scouting Wire - [here](#)

Important Links

Youth Safety - [here](#)

Health and Safety - [here](#)

Safety Moments - [here](#)

Scouting America Brand Guidelines and Materials - [here](#)

Language of Scouting - [here](#)

Merit Badges - [here](#)

Online Registration Information - [here](#)

Scouting America Membership Standards - [here](#)

National Council Videos - [here](#)

High Adventure Bases - [here](#)

National Jamboree - [here](#)

2027 World Scout Jamboree - [here](#)

Council Support - [here](#)

National Eagle Scout Association - [here](#)

National Camping Schools - [here](#)

Scouting Forums - [here](#)

Order of the Arrow - [here](#)

Commissioners - [here](#)

Program Updates - [here](#)

Summer Camp Staff Jobs - [here](#)

Awards Central - [here](#)

Training Resources - [here](#)

Marketing and Recruitment Resources - [here](#)

Scouting Newsroom - [here](#)

Scouting Emergency Assistance Fund - [here](#)

Brand Center - [here](#)

