# 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**.

### National Marketing Awards Winners to Be Announced at National Annual Meeting

Thank you to all those who submitted entries for the Scouting America National Marketing Awards. Judges are reviewing those entries now, and winners will be announced during the upcoming National Annual Meeting in May. The Scouting America National Marketing Awards Program is designed to recognize outstanding efforts by councils in marketing, communicating, implementing, and promoting the Scouting program. Read more <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **Alumni Webinar**

Scouting is a lifelong journey, and our alumni play a vital role in shaping its future. That is why we are excited to invite you to an exclusive session on "Why Councils Should Strengthen Their Alumni Relationship," led by the inspiring Jay Bottroff. Scouting alumni are some of the most passionate and dedicated supporters of our movement. Whether as volunteers, mentors, or donors, their continued involvement helps councils thrive. Topics will include The power of alumni engagement – How reconnecting with past Scouts and Scouters strengthens local programs, Best practices for councils – Proven strategies to cultivate and sustain alumni relationships, Success stories – Real-world examples of councils that have transformed their programs through alumni support, and How you can help. *Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 PM Pacific*. Reserve your spot here.

## **Update on Eagle Scout Certificates and Cards**

Since the beginning of the Scouting movement, the President of the United States has also served as Honorary Chair of the Scouting movement. The President's signature is featured on Eagle Scout certificate and wallet cards. Historically, it has taken months to get official approval to use the President's signature. We are actively working with the new administration to get this approval. As a result, there is a delay in delivering Eagle Scout certificates and wallet cards. Certificates and cards will be shipped when approval is received. This letter is being sent to new Eagle Scouts to update them on the process.

#### **Unit and Member Lapsed Period**

Just a friendly reminder that December and January unit and individual membership renewals must be in by *March 31*<sup>st</sup> or their membership will drop. The lapsed member period has been three months, but beginning with January, all unrenewed members and units will drop after two months.

#### **Back Issues of the Volunteer Leadership Newsletter**

We have created a repository of the most recent back issues of the *Newsletter*. Find them <u>here</u>. Be sure to check them out if you are new to this newsletter and to review earlier issues.

#### **Reminders from Previous Newsletters**

National Annual Meeting Registration Deadline – March 31 - here

National Scout Jamboree – Scholarship Program - here

Recognize Your Donors at the 2025 Good Turn Society Event – By April 2 - here

National Volunteer Training Conference - April 24-26 - here

Spring Commissioner Impact Session – April 26 - here

April Membership Mixer – April 27 - here

Scouts Read Sacred Texts – May 1 - here

National Annual Meeting - May 12-16 - here

2025 National Outdoor Conference - September 17-21- here

2025 National Camping School Registration - here

#### **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
National Exploring Live Hour (Monthly) - Dates and information here

#### Webinars

Why Councils Should Strengthen Their Alumni Relationship – *April 6* – Register <u>here</u> 2026 National Jamboree - Register for the webinars <u>here</u>

- April 10 ELEVATE Your Recruitment
- May 8 ELEVATE Your Planning

Council Religious Relationships Committees – April 24, 7:00 PM Central - here

## **Important Links**

Youth Safety - here Health and Safety - here Scouting Emergency Assistance Fund - here Scouting America Brand Guidelines and Materials - here Executive Communications - here Philmont Training Center 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference Registration - here Commissioner eBlast - here Scouting the Boardroom Podcast - here National Council Videos - here High Adventure Bases - here National Jamboree - here Council Support - here National Camp Accreditation Program 2025 Standards - here Scouting Forums - here Order of the Arrow - here Aaron on Scouting - here Scouting America News & Events - here Commissioners - here Abilities Digest - <u>here</u>

Program Updates - here Summer Camp Staff Jobs - here Awards Central - here Trail To Adventure Blog - <u>here</u> Scouting Alumni - <u>here</u> Training Resources - here Marketing and Recruitment Resources - <a href="here">here</a> Scouting Newsroom - <u>here</u> Language of Scouting - here Scouting America.
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