

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.***

Alumni Webinar Change of Date

The next alumni webinar has been moved to *February 15 at 5:30 pm Central*. The topic is “Earning Your Scouting Alumni Award and the speaker is Bruce Hamous, National Eagle Scout Association Vice President for Retail Operations. Find more information about the award [here](#) and register [here](#).

Order of the Arrow Program and Policy Updates

The Order of the Arrow has redesigned the induction experience to create a welcoming environment to emphasize the connections new members build during the induction weekend and leave energized to participate in your next lodge event. The best way to understand the changes to the induction is to experience it yourself at an induction event put on by your section or lodge. Watch the Campfire Chat broadcast featuring these updates on the Order of the Arrow [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) page and keep an eye on the Order of the Arrow [website](#) for more details. They are also updating the membership requirements to allow more opportunities for Scouts and Scouters to be elected into the Order of the Arrow and participate in our program.

February Scouts BSA Advancement Webinar

“Working Advancement into Troop Meetings” on *February 4 at 7:00 pm Central*. Register [here](#).

February Membership Mixer

Poor youth retention has become one of the biggest challenges in growing Scouting. The February Mixer, called “Tackling Membership Loss,” will help us understand what is happening and suggest ways to address this significant problem. This Mixer is intended for volunteers and professionals with an interest in growing Scouting in their districts, councils, and territories. *February 15 at 7:00 pm Central*. Advance registration is required [here](#).

Commissioner Newsletter

The *January 19* Commissioner Newsletter is available [here](#).

Commissioner Newsletter eBlast Survey

New Scouts BSA Unified Handbook

Indian Lore Merit Badge Now American Indian Culture Merit Badge

Reminder: Commissioner Impact Session, January 24

Reminder: Safeguarding Policies in Exploring Webinar, January 27
Reminder: Commissioner Week at Philmont Training Center, June 7 – 13
Do You Follow Us on Facebook or Instagram?
The “S” in NCST is Service
Ask A Commissioner

Commissioner College

The National Commissioner Service Team maintains a listing of Commissioner Colleges [here](#).

Hillcourt Bronze Medal

As a way to say thank you to more people who have donated decades of service to the preservation of Scouting America’s history, the Hillcourt Foundation has expanded its awards program by creating the Hillcourt Bronze Medal and honoring 13 volunteers with the prestigious award. Read more [here](#).

National Camp Accreditation Program Circular

To help everyone to understand what changes were made to the National Camp Accreditation Program standards from 2025 to become the 2026 National Camp Accreditation Program standards, the National Camp Accreditation Program Circular #26 is available [here](#).

Council America250 Logos Available Now

Council-specific logos in the official America250 brand lockup are now available for download on the Brand Center [here](#). Please utilize these approved assets to ensure consistent, on-brand representation across all America250 communications and materials.

How We Went From No Scouts to 100 in Four Years

Read the story of Pack 617 [here](#).

March Gift Planning Webinar

The next gift planning webinar is set for *March 5 at 12:00 am Central*. The topic will be IRA giving, with featured guest Bill Larson of Larson Financial Group. Connection information will be available closer to the date. Recordings of previous webinars may be found [here](#).

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

Scout Sunday Unit Event Template - [here](#)
2026 National Annual Meeting - *May 10–16* – Dallas
Scouting U Week at Philmont - *June 14-20* - [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](#)

Webinars

Safeguarding Policies in Exploring Webinar - January 27 at 7:00 pm Central - Register [here](#)

Scouts BSA Membership Webinars

"Recruiting Non-Scouts and Older Youth (Beyond Crossovers)" - February 1 at 4:30 pm Pacific. Register [here](#)

"Empowering the Patrol Leaders Council and Youth Leadership in Membership Growth" - March 8 at 4:30 pm Pacific. Register [here](#)

Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation Webinar - February 12 at 3:00 pm Central

February Membership Mixer - February 15 at 7:00 pm Central – Register [here](#)

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

Earning Your Scouting Alumni Award - February 15 – Register [here](#)

Planning & Conducting National Eagle Scout Association & Other Council Events – March 1

Scouting America Alumni Awards and Recognitions – April 19

How to Create an Eagle Scout Mentoring Program – June 7

Outdoor Program and Properties

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](#)

Key-3 to Key-3 Webinar - February 23 at 1:00 pm Central

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

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

Gift Planning Webinar – 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](#)

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Program Updates - [here](#)

Summer Camp Staff Jobs - [here](#)

Awards Central - [here](#)

Training Resources - [here](#)

Marketing and Recruitment Resources - [here](#)

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Brand Center - [here](#)

