

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.***

Upcoming Workshops for New Cub Scout 4-Month Plan

These workshops are designed to familiarize unit serving executives, commissioners, and others who support new leaders with the recently released Cub Scout 4-Month Plan. This plan pulls together specific (and fun!) activities to support Cub Scout rank advancement with weekly meetings. At its heart, it's designed for small and new packs, with multi-grade dens. Sign up for one of the webinars hosted by our National Cub Scouting committee.

- **Wednesday, August 12 at 11:00 am Central:** [here](#)
- **Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 pm Central:** [here](#)
- **Tuesday, September 15 at noon Central:** [here](#)
- **Tuesday, September 29 at 6:00 pm Central:** [here](#)

GivingTuesday

GivingTuesday - *December 1* – coming soon. The Office of Development's Annual Giving team will once again be releasing a Council Toolkit to help councils make the most of the day and the season. Watch for more in upcoming *Volunteer Leadership Newsletters* for links in the Brand Center.

August Venturing Live Webinar

The August Venturing Live webinar will feature Crews for College. *Wednesday, August 19 at 7:30pm Central.* Register in advance [here](#).

Scouting America's Newest Ambassador

Champion basketball player Josh Hart is sharing with families and youth how his involvement in Scouting America taught him the work ethic that has helped define his life, both on and off the court. Read more [here](#). As a reminder of the fall marketing strategy, click [here](#). For a list of trademark and partnership "Do's and Don'ts" click [here](#).

Helping Keep Scouts Safe ScoutingWire Article

Read and share an important guest article in ScoutingWire from Scouting America Chief Safeguarding Officer Glen Pounder - "What Sextortion Offenders Hope Young People Never Hear" [here](#).

Exploring Explosion 3.0 - New Trainings Announced

Due to high demand, additional Exploring New Unit Trainings have been scheduled for all professionals and volunteers. This is a great opportunity to get staff and volunteers trained. Learn more and sign up for the training [here](#).

Digital Resource Guide Survey Highlights Strong Adoption and Positive Impact on Scouts

Scouting America received the results of a survey conducted at the 2026 National Jamboree to better understand awareness, usage, and impact of the Digital Resource Guides for merit badges. The results were overwhelmingly positive. As awareness continues to grow, leaders are encouraged to incorporate the guides into troop meetings, campouts, and advancement planning to help Scouts gain skills, confidence, and character-building experiences. For more information, visit the Digital Resource Guides page and check out all 15 guides now available for merit badges [here](#).

Commissioner Newsletter

The *August 10* edition of the Commissioner Newsletter is available [here](#).

Reminder: Sign Up Now to Attend a Scoutconnect Webinar, August 13

Share the New Site for Families to Get Connected to a Local Unit

Retain More Cub Scouts

Use These Tools to Encourage Cub Scout Parents to be Helpers

National Membership Engagement Committee

Follow Us On Social Media

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

Silver Buffalo Nominations – August 31 deadline - [here](#) and [here](#) for more information

2026 National Properties Conference – September 25-26 - [here](#)

Cub Scout New Retention Resource - [here](#)

Raise More Do More Fundraising Summits - September 9 in Buffalo, New York ([here](#)) and October 9 in Austin, Texas ([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](#)

Exploring Live Hour (Monthly) - Schedule and registration [here](#)

Webinars

Scoutconnect technology update webinar - August 13 at 7:00pm Central – join a few minutes before the start [here](#)

Monthly Finance and Fund Development Webinar – Third Wednesday at 2:00 pm Central - See recordings [here](#)

Scouts BSA Advancement Demystified Series - Recordings may be found [here](#) and the links to the webinars may be found [here](#)

Monthly Membership Rally - Future Rallies, *August 20, September 17, October 15, and November 12* – Register [here](#)

Outdoor Programs - Webinars will be on the *Second Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm Central* beginning in September unless otherwise noted. You can find more detailed information [here](#) and register [here](#) for the full series.

Alumni Webinars - Read more [here](#)

Venturing Live – Third Wednesday of each month at *7:30pm Central*. Register in advance [here](#). See recordings of webinars [here](#)

Newsletters/Blogs/Podcasts

Scouting Safety - [here](#)

On Scouting - [here](#)

Marketing – Subscribe [here](#)

Aquatics - [here](#)

Scouting in the Boardroom - [here](#)

Commissioner - [here](#)

Trail To Adventure - [here](#)

Scouting Alumni - [here](#)

Training Times - [here](#)

Abilities Digest - [here](#)

Scouting Wire - [here](#)

Important Links

Youth Safety - [here](#)

Incident Reporting - [here](#)

Health and Safety - [here](#)

Safety Moments - [here](#)

TechHub - [here](#)

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

Language of Scouting - [here](#)

Training Resources - [here](#)

Merit Badges - [here](#)

Online Registration Information - [here](#)

Scouting America Membership Standards - [here](#)

Philmont Training Center Conferences - [here](#)

National Council Videos - [here](#)

High Adventure Bases - [here](#)

Scouting Forms - [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](#)

Marketing and Recruitment Resources - [here](#)

Scouting Newsroom - [here](#)

Scouting Emergency Assistance Fund - [here](#)

Brand Center - [here](#)

America250 Visual Identity Guidelines - [here](#)
America250 Generic and Local Council Logos - [here](#)

