

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**.*

Fundraising Webinar

“Finding Hidden Opportunities: Using AI to Surface Your Best Fundraising Prospects” will be offered on **Wednesday, January 21 at 3:00 pm Eastern** [here](#). This webinar will show how AI can help councils identify and prioritize high-potential donors already in their database. Learn practical, ethical ways to use AI to support annual, major, and planned giving, without complex systems or technical expertise.

Upcoming Scouts BSA Membership Webinars

Join upcoming Scouts BSA membership webinars designed for volunteers and leaders who want to build strong, sustainable Scouting programs in their communities. “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](#).

Scout Sunday Unit Event Template

As Scouts prepare to take part in the annual Scout Sunday tradition, help them communicate some of the basics of what Scouting is all about with their congregations. [This](#) simple Scout Sunday template, available in the Scouting America Brand Center, can be used and modified to help Scout units provide their houses of worship with a simple, on-brand, ready-to-use presentation that can be provided to the audio-visual team and shared in connection with the Scout Sunday service.

Alumni Webinar

The next alumni webinar will be on **February 8 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 watch for the webinar link [here](#).

Commissioner Impact Sessions

The National Commissioner Service Team conducts several live national level training events each year. These events help equip commissioners to be successful in their local councils and districts. The team uses proven adult learning techniques to maximize the effectiveness of these events. Winter Commissioner Impact Session – **January 24** in Tampa – Information and registration link [here](#). Spring Commissioner Impact Session – **April 11** in Louisville, Kentucky – Information [here](#).

Special Eagle Scout Certificate Available

To commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and in recognition of our partnership with America250, Scouting America will present all Eagle Scouts who earn the rank in 2026 with a special commemorative Eagle Scout certificate. This limited-edition certificate will be available only to Scouts who achieve the Eagle rank during the 2026 calendar year. The special certificate will be issued automatically beginning February 1, 2026. No special request is required; it will replace the standard Eagle certificate for all 2026 recipients. Scouts who earned the Eagle rank in January 2026 may request a reprint through their local council by following the current process for complimentary reprints guidelines.

Venturing Award Update

The Venturing Range and Target Activities Outstanding Achievement Award (formerly known as the Shooting Sports Outstanding Achievement Award) now has the updated requirements and application available [here](#) on the Venturing website under the specialty awards tab.

Alumni Newsletter

Here are the articles in the January *Scouting Alumni Newsletter*. Find it [here](#) and subscribe [here](#).

Staff is Still Needed for 2026 Jamboree

Scouting Community Making Plans for MLK Day 2026

Young Scouting Alum Receives National Heroism Medal

Scouting America to Celebrate U.S. Semiquincentennial

Camp Josepho is Rising from the Ashes

Three Eagle Scouts from Same Troop Achieve Major Milestone

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

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

Venturing Officers Association – **January 21 at 7:30 pm Central** - Register [here](#)

Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation Webinars - **January 26** and **February 12 at 3:00 pm Central**

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](#)

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

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

Earning Your Scouting Alumni Award - **February 8**

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*

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](#)

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](#)

