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****.*

Finish Your Fundraising Year Strong

Join a practical webinar "7 Tips to Finish Your Fundraising Year Strong: Practical Strategies to Maximize Giving Before December 31" on *Wednesday, November 18 at 2:00 pm Central*. The webinar will feature seven actionable strategies councils can implement right away to maximize year-end fundraising success. We will explore how to: Make the second ask, Leverage James E. West Fellowships, Expand giving opportunities, Strengthen holiday messaging, Activate Giving Tuesday and volunteers, and Finish with a plan. Join here.

Introduction to the Exploring Leadership Experience

Next in the series of focused sessions on Exploring for unit commissioners (and others interested) will introduce the Exploring Leadership Experience, a mentored, self-paced leadership development certificate program for Explorers. Our special guest for the evening will be Roger Engelbart, assistant council commissioner for the Greater St. Louis Area Council and the training lead for the National Exploring Program Committee. During this session we will walk participants through the process Explorers will follow to complete the program and recognitions available, while giving you a feel for the content and individual online building blocks of the program. Our objective is to equip commissioners with the knowledge to introduce the Exploring Leadership Experience to their posts. *Wednesday December 2 at 8:00 pm Eastern* - register here.

Silver Antelope Award

It is time to nominate deserving volunteers for the 2027 Silver Antelope Award. Nomination forms with no more than two recommendation letters must be submitted together electronically to the National Service Center no later than *November 30*. Just a reminder, the candidate should not be notified of this nomination. For more information, visit here.

Scouting America Launched Military Service and Veterans Badge on Veterans Day

New recognition honors the service and sacrifice of America's military members, veterans, and military families. Find details in the Scouting Newsroom here.

Call for Presenters: 2027 National Outdoor Conference

The National Outdoor Conference is a biennial event that features speaker sessions, keynote events led by distinguished industry experts, peer-to-peer informal discussion groups, and many other learning opportunities. The 2027 National Outdoor Conference will be held *September 15-19, 2027*. Find more information and propose a presentation here.

Alumni Newsletter

The November *Scouting Alumni Newsletter* is available. Find it soon and subscribe here.

Guide to Awards and Insignia

The *Guide to Awards and Insignia* has been updated. Find it here.

National Venturing Officers and Advisors

Meet, and contact, our National Venturing officers and their advisors 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

Silver Antelope Award – *November 30* deadline - here
GivingTuesday Council Toolkit – *December 1* - here
National Cub Scouting Conference - *December 11-13*, at the Florida Sea Base - here
Scouting America Chief Executive Officer Search - here
Technology Update Webinar Recordings - here
Alumnus of the Year Awards - here
Scouts BSA Membership Corner - here
National Outdoor Conference - here
National Duty to God Award - Find the nomination form 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

Fundraising - "7 Tips to Finish Your Fundraising Year Strong" - *Wednesday, November 18 at 2:00 pm Central* - here

Venturing Live – Third Wednesday of each month at *7:30pm Central* - *November 18, December 16*. Register in advance here. See recordings of webinars here
Creative Service Project Ideas for Crews – *November 18*

Finance and Fund Development Webinar –
Council Audits: Best Practices and Tips - *November 19 at 12:00pm Pacific* - here

Introduction to the Exploring Leadership Experience - *Wednesday December 2 at 8:00 pm Eastern* - register here

Newsletters/Blogs/Podcasts

Scouting Safety - here
On Scouting - here

Marketing – Subscribe here
Membership Engagement - here
Aquatics - here
Scouting in the Boardroom - 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
Philmont Training Center - here
Scholarships - here
Training Resources - here
Merit Badges - here
Online Registration Information - here
Scouting America Membership Standards - 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
Marketing Resources - here
National Camping Schools - here
Scouting Forums - here
Order of the Arrow - here
Commissioners - here
Program Updates - here
Awards Central - here
Marketing and Recruitment Resources - here
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