

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 Volunteer Training Conference

Scouting U is offering the opportunity for volunteers and professionals to join their National Volunteer Training Conference via Zoom for committee updates on **Thursday, April 24th, from 1:40 - 5:00 PM Central**. Register [here](#).

New Resource for Commissioners

Growing & Strengthening Our Unit Service Teams was developed by the National Commissioner Service Team to assist districts and councils in creating a comprehensive plan to seek and invite commissioners. Find it [here](#).

April Marketing Resources for Councils

From the *April 2025*, newsletter. (Subscribe to the newsletter [here](#).)

- Scouting America Shares Report to the Nation - [here](#)
- Help Units Learn to Use Scoutbook Plus to Record Their Efforts for Scouting for Clean Waterways and Scouting for Food - [here](#)
- When It Comes to Child Protection, Everyone in Scouting Is a Mandatory Reporter - [here](#)
- National Marketing Awards Winners to Be Announced at National Annual Meeting - [here](#)
- Volunteer for the 2026 Jamboree Marketing Team! - [here](#)

Updated Crew Officer Orientation Training

The National Venturing Committee and Scouting U are excited to announce the release of the updated Crew Officer Orientation training. This refreshed training resource is designed to help crew leadership better understand the roles and responsibilities of crew officers and learn how to effectively plan and lead meetings and events. It is strongly recommended that all crews complete this training annually, ensuring that every member has a clear understanding of officer responsibilities. Please note that completion of this training is required for advancement to the Discovery Rank. This updated training replaces the previous online version hosted on the Volunteer Learn Center. It is now brief, engaging, and interactive, and is intended to be delivered in-person by crew officers during crew meetings. You can access the Facilitator's Guide [here](#). An updated Crew Office Seminar is coming soon. Both the Orientation and Seminar training courses are developed with all crew members in mind.

Scouting Alumni Newsletter – April 2025

From the *April 2025*, newsletter. Previous newsletters may be found [here](#) and news, including these articles and more,

may be found [here](#). (Subscribe to the newsletter [here](#).)

- Scout Leader Featured on the TODAY Show
- Bill Hanna was a truly Ultimate Scout
- Scouting America's 2025 Report to the Nation
- Councils Helping Councils After Deadly LA Wildfires
- Eagle Scout Project Makeovers: Before and After Pictures
- Troop 53 Celebrates 100 Years of Scouting!

Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award Workshop

The Scouting Alumni Educators Group is conducting a workshop on the council administration of the Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award on **April 27** at 4:00 PM Central. Please encourage the members of your council alumni, National Eagle Scout Association, awards, and relationships committees to participate in this workshop. Register for the workshop [here](#).

National Membership Mixer

The speaker for this month's mixer on **April 27th**, is Phil Jensen, Service Territory 4 membership lead, whose presentation, "Use of Data Analytics to Locate Scouting Deserts" will discuss how a systematic review of available data can locate the most advantageous areas within a council to recruit new Scouts and start new units. This mixer is intended for volunteers and professionals with an interest in growing Scouting in their districts, councils, and territories. Advance registration [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 to review earlier issues.

Reminders from Previous Newsletters

National Volunteer Training Conference - April 24-26 - [here](#) for in person and [here](#) for Zoom

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](#)

Distinguished Eagle Scout Award – July 31 deadline - [here](#)

2025 National Outdoor Conference - September 17-21- [here](#)

2025 National Camping School Registration - [here](#)

Scouting U at Philmont - [here](#)

New Aquatics Supervision Manual - [here](#)

National Scout Jamboree – Scholarship Program - [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

2026 High Adventure – April 23 – at 7PM Central - [here](#) or [here](#)

Council Religious Relationships Committees – April 24, 7:00 PM Central - [here](#)

Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award – April 27, 4:00 PM Central - Register [here](#)

2026 National Jamboree - Register for the webinars [here](#)

- *May 8* – ELEVATE Your Planning

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 75th 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 - [here](#)

Program Updates - [here](#)

Summer Camp Staff Jobs - [here](#)

Awards Central - [here](#)

Trail To Adventure Blog - [here](#)

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Marketing and Recruitment Resources - [here](#)

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