

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 Annual Meeting

We strongly encourage you to attend the Scouting America National Annual Meeting (May 11-15) in Dallas. This valuable meeting and be “in the room, at the table, and face-to-face” with other leaders of Scouting America to share, learn, give input, and build important relationships to help youth, your council(s), and you in your Scouting role – and to recognize fellow Scouters receiving National-level awards. Register, make hotel reservations, see the schedule, and get other information [here](#). Registration closes **March 31**.

Distinguished Eagle Scout Award Application Cycle

The Distinguished Eagle Scout Award application cycle will be open from *April 1 through July 31*, during which nominations are accepted by the National Eagle Scout Association for eligible candidates. For more information visit [here](#).

National Membership Mixer

What exciting activities and community service opportunities are your local units and district/council planning for the next several months? What Impact 365 and America 250 ideas are developing locally? It is a great time to be a Scout! Have you thought about what a great year this could be for building awareness and interest in Scouting by inviting non-Scouting youth and families to participate in fun activities and community service before asking them to join? “Sharing Summer Fun & Service to Grow Interest in Scouting” is the topic Linda Baker will help us explore at our Membership Mixer on *April 19 at 7:00 pm Central*. Please register for the April Mixer [here](#).

Scouts BSA Advancement Webinar Series

Scouts BSA advancement has built-in policies and procedures, including accommodations for how a requirement can be completed, modification of requirements when absolutely necessary, registration beyond the age of eligibility, and many other ways to enable success for Scouts. Join this webinar on *April 22 at 7:00 pm Central* to learn how to support special needs Scout, find answers to your questions, and discover where to go for more information. Register [here](#).

Philmont Training Center Summer Start Up Volunteer Crew

Philmont is calling past participants, faculty, staff alumni, and supporters to help prepare Rayado Ridge and the Philmont Training Center for another incredible summer. *May 16-20*. Learn more [here](#) and register [here](#).

Commissioner Newsletter

The *March 30* Commissioner Newsletter is available [here](#).

National Marketing Webinar, April 16
Youth Leadership in Exploring Webinar, April 23
Scouts Read Sacred Text, May 7
Spring Has Spring and Tools for Spring Recruiting are Available
New Programs and Initiatives
New Scoutbook Enhancements
Range and Target Supervision
IMPACT 365 - Scouts Trash the Trash Day, May 2
The Adventure Plan Has Returned
Reminder: Commissioner Week at Philmont Training Center, June 7 – 13
We are on Social Media
Commissioners Make a Difference
Ask A Commissioner

Clean Waterways

This year's Scouting for Clean Waterways initiative kicks off **April 1** as part of Earth Month. Earth Day is *April 22*. Read more [here](#).

Name Change

Vanguard International Scouting Association has announced they will now be known as "Saints in Scouting." For more information, the story behind the name change, and more visit [here](#).

VIP Visitor Experience Package at 2026 National Jamboree

The Jamboree has introduced a new opportunity for councils, families, and special guests attending the 2026 National Jamboree - the VIP Visitor Experience Package. This elevated experience is designed to provide a streamlined and comfortable way to explore the Jamboree while enjoying exclusive access and amenities. Read more [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

Read Sacred Texts Event - *May 7* - Learn more [here](#)
2026 Silver Buffalo and Silver Antelope Recipients - [here](#)
2026 National Jamboree Day Visitor Tickets - [here](#)
Exploring Training and Live Hour - [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 (second Wednesday at 1:00 pm Central – Schedule and registration [here](#))

Webinars

Gift Planning Webinar – April 2, at 12:00 pm Eastern - Join the webinar [here](#). See recordings [here](#)

Monthly Membership Rally - April 16 at 1:00 Central – Register [here](#). Future Rallies May (in-person at the National Annual Meeting), June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, and November 12.

Outdoor Program and Properties

Mental, Emotional, Social Health at Camp – April 16 at 2:00 pm Central – [here](#)

Marketing Webinar - Fall Marketing Plans - Council Scout executive/Staff Session - April 16 at Noon Central and Council Volunteer Session - April 16 at 7:00 pm Central - Register [here](#)

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

Scouting America Alumni Awards and Recognitions – April 19 - Register [here](#)

How to Create an Eagle Scout Mentoring Program – June 7 - Register [here](#)

Scouts BSA Advancement Demystified Series – 8:00 pm Eastern - Recordings may be found [here](#) and the links to the webinars may be found [here](#)

Special Needs – Accommodations, Modifications, Registration Beyond the Age of Eligibility, and More - Wednesday, April 22 – Register [here](#)

Merit Badge Counseling - Moving from Good to Great - Wednesday, May 5

Webinar Series for Unit Commissioners Serving Explorer Posts - April 23 at 8:00 pm Eastern. Register [here](#)

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

Training Resources - [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](#)

Philmont Training Center Conferences - [here](#)

National Council Videos - [here](#)

High Adventure Bases - [here](#)

National Jamboree - [here](#)

Scouting Forms - [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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Awards Central - [here](#)
Marketing and Recruitment Resources - [here](#)
Scouting Newsroom - [here](#)
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Brand Center - [here](#)
America250 Visual Identity Guidelines - [here](#)
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