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****.*

Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is *December 1*. Use and share the resources found in the toolkit found here to spread the word.

SAFE Project Tool Use Guideline Updated

This document outlines several minimum guidance protocols that adult leaders and other volunteers must consider for Scouting service projects that include the use of tools. It also aligns with the use of tools integrated into advancement requirements (e.g., merit badges, handbooks, or Adventures). Find it here.

Safe Sledding Guidelines

Keeping Scouts and leaders SAFE on winter sledding outings takes forethought and preparation. There are some guidelines to help here.

National Volunteer Training Conference

Registration is open for Scouting U's National Volunteer Training Conference to be held in St. Louis on *April 15-17, 2027*. The conference is for all Scouting trainers, but especially those who lead training at the council and district. The conference begins on the 15th with registration from 11:00 am-1:00 pm and ends at noon on the 17th. The cost of the conference is $110, including conference materials and meals (dinner Thursday and breakfast and lunch Friday and Saturday.) Registration and more information may be found here.

Scouting Alumni STEM Community

This community connects Scouting alumni who work in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics with the Scouts, parents, and leaders coming up behind them. Each month an alum shares the path from Scouting to a STEM career, so young people can see where their merit badges, leadership roles, and service can take them. Learn more here.

Safety Moments

Two Safety Moments have been added: "Mental, Emotional, And Social Health" (here) and "Mindful Breathing" (here). Find all the Safety Moments here.

Scouts BSA Senior Patrol Leader Summit: Update and Upcoming Sessions

The first national Scouts BSA Senior Patrol Leader Summit was a success, with more than 1,400 Scouts participating live, providing feedback, and sharing ideas. Participants will receive an email recap in the coming weeks. The next Senior Patrol Leader Summit will include four sessions across two evenings:

January 7, at 7:00 pm Eastern and 7:00 pm Pacific
January 10, at 7:00 pm Eastern and 7:00 pm Pacific

Each troop is encouraged to send one Scout to whichever session is most convenient. As before, invitations will be emailed directly to Scoutmasters approximately one month and one week before the event. Council leaders are encouraged to remind Scoutmasters to watch their inboxes (and junk folders).

Give the gift of *Scout Life*

The holidays are the perfect time to put *Scout Life* in front of families looking for a meaningful gift. To help you spread the word, new Holiday Campaign subscriber graphics have been added to the *Scout Life* Council Marketing Kit in the Brand Center. Access the graphics 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
Exploring Explosion 3.0 - here
National Cub Scouting Conference - *December 11-13*, at the Florida Sea Base - here
2027 National Camp Accreditation Program Standards - website
Scouting America Chief Executive Officer Search - here
Technology Update Webinar Recordings - here
Alumnus of the Year Awards - here
National Outdoor Conference - here
National Duty to God Award - Find the nomination form here

Program Livecasts

Cub Chat Live (every Friday at 3:00 pm Eastern) - Facebook and YouTube
Troop Talk Live (second Wednesday of each month at 2:00 pm Central) - Facebook and YouTube
Leading our Adventures (every other Friday at 4:00 pm Mountain) - Facebook and YouTube
Trek on Tuesday (Tuesdays at noon Pacific) - Facebook and YouTube
Exploring Live Hour (Monthly) - Schedule and registration here

Webinars

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

Venturing Live – Third Wednesday of each month at *7:30pm Central - December 16*. Register in advance here. See recordings of webinars 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 and subscribe here
Training Times - here
Abilities Digest - here
Scouting Wire - here
Commissioner Eblast - 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
Scouting Newsroom - here
Scouting Emergency Assistance Fund - here
Brand Center - here

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