

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**.*

Scouts BSA Advancement Webinar

“Eagle Scout Extension Requests—What Really Matters” on **Wednesday, January 7, at 8:00 pm Eastern**. Register [here](#).

Alumni Webinar

Richard Pfaltzgraff, President of the National Eagle Scout Association will lead a discussion on topics related to the National Eagle Scout Association. **January 11 at 5:30 pm Central**. Register [here](#). See the schedule of future webinars below.

Safeguarding Policies in Exploring Webinar

An interactive webinar for those interested in understanding safeguarding policies for 18–20-year-old adult program participants in Exploring and other young adult programs will be offered on **Tuesday, January 27 at 7:00 pm Central**. Featuring an interactive conversation with Glen Pounder, Chief Safeguarding Officer for Scouting America, the webinar will clarify how these program participants’ legal adult status affects participation policies and interactions with others in the unit. Register to attend [here](#).

Membership Mixer

The National Membership Mixer showcases various topics that will help to develop a culture of growth in units, districts, and councils. This month's Zoom webinar will be discussing “How Districts and Councils Can Use New Member Coordinators to Grow Scouting,” with Matilda Mayfield Carson, Serving and Support Chair on the National Commissioner Service Team. We encourage all territory, council, and district membership teams to plan to attend this interactive and informative meeting on **January 18th at 8:00 pm Eastern**. Register in advance for this webinar [here](#).

2026 Target Age Youth Data Now Available

The 2026 Target Age Youth files have been uploaded to MyBSA. Check with your professional advisor who can access Excel data sheets which show Target Age Youth by program and ethnicity, or Target Age Youth by age and gender.

Commissioner Newsletter

The **January 5** Commissioner Newsletter is available [here](#).
Impact365 Webinar, January 8

Scouting for Everyone Forum, January 16 – 17
MLK Day of Service, January 19
Commissioner Impact Session, January 24
Safeguarding Policies in Exploring Webinar, January 27
Commissioner Week at Philmont Training Center, June 7 – 13
Scouting's Commitment to Neutrality
New Range and Target Activities Manual
National Venturing Committee Webinar
Scouts BSA Advancement Updates
New Scouts BSA Test Lab Released – Psychology
Family Life Merit Badge Digital Resource Guide Now Available
Scouting America – America250 Partnership Announced
Commissioner Tools - Updated Council Dashboard and Reports Layout
Commissioner Orientation – Welcome to Unit Service
New Commissioner Moment
Cub Scout Roundtable Resources
Commissioner Newsletter eBlast Survey
Follow Us on Facebook or Instagram
How Can We Help You?
Ask A Commissioner

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, 2026* – Dallas
Philmont Training Center 2026 Conference registration open - [here](#)
New *Range and Target Activities Manual* - [here](#)
America250 materials - [here](#)
National Camp Accreditation Program 2026 Standards - [here](#)
2026 Scouts BSA Advancement Updates - [here](#)
Scouting U Week at Philmont - [here](#)
2026 Special Needs Prepared Camp Pilot Program – *January 15* deadline - [link](#)
Register for Your 2027 High Adventure Experience - [here](#)
Council Contingent Staff Member for 2026 National Jamboree - [here](#)
Training Times - [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](#)
National Exploring Live Hour (Monthly) - Dates and information [here](#)

Webinars

Key-3 to Key-3 webinar - *February 23 at 1:00 pm Central*
January National Membership Mixer - *January 18, at 7:00 pm Central* – Register [here](#)
Impact365
For council staff - *Wednesday, January 7 at 12:00 pm Central*. Register [here](#)
For volunteers - *Thursday, January 8 at 7:00 pm Central*. Register [here](#)

Outdoor Program and Properties

How to Develop a Wheels and Boards Committee in Your Council – *January 15 at 2:00 pm Central* – [here](#)

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](#)

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

A Discussion with the National Eagle Scout Association President - *January 11* – Register [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*

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

Scouts BSA Advancement – *First Wednesday of each month* - Register [here](#) (Recording 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](#)

