

# Council Service Territory Volunteer Leadership Newsletter



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## Week of July 7, 2025

*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 Marketing Awards

The 2025 National Marketing Awards have been announced. The awards recognize outstanding efforts in promoting and marketing the Scouting brand. Congratulations to the honored councils. See the councils who have been recognized [here](#).

### Making Camps Even More Accessible to Scouts with Special Needs

Scouting America believes that every young person deserves to have a great experience at Scout camp. The Special Needs Prepared Camp program is a new initiative to help Scouting properties make sure that happens. Read more [here](#).

### Commissioner Newsletter

The July 7 Commissioner Newsletter is available [here](#).

2025 Fall Cub Scouts Membership Recruitment Kick-Off – July 31

2025 Scouts BSA Membership Recruitment Kick-Off – August 7

How to Safeguard From Hidden Cameras

Training Update for Leaders

Staff Needed for 2026 National Scout Jamboree

New & Improved Training for Venturers

2025 National Annual Meeting Presentations Now Online

Social Media Dos and Don'ts

An Updated Go-To Reference for Commissioners

Get Access to News As It Breaks

Your National Commissioner Service Team Serves You

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### Philmont Training Center 75<sup>th</sup>

The Philmont Training Center is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. The celebration is going on all year, but the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July was with a special reunion and awards conference. You can watch a video of the awards event and hear from Philmont's general manager on the National Scouting Museum's YouTube channel [here](#).

## **CASTing Call: Extend The Summer of Scouting at the 2026 National Jamboree**

An exciting opportunity awaits at the 2026 National Jamboree for summer camp staff looking to take their experience to the next level. The Summit Climbing and Aerial Support Team (CAST) is now recruiting enthusiastic and qualified individuals to help deliver one of Scouting America's most thrilling program areas. See the details [here](#).

## **Language of Scouting**

Check out and use The Language of Scouting style manual. It will help you with things such as the correct usage and capitalization of Scouting words (for example, the word Scout is a brand and always capitalized when referring to our program and Wood Badge is two words), when position titles are capitalized and when they are not, when to use Venture, Venturing, or Venturer, when to use Cub Scout or Cub Scouting, and much more. Find it [here](#).

## **2024 Audits Due to National Council**

This is a reminder that council's annual audit along with supporting documentation is due to be submitted to the National Council by *July 31*.

## **Important Update on 2026 National Jamboree Duffel Bags for Councils**

With less than two weeks remaining to preorder the 2026 National Jamboree duffel bag, we are far below the minimum number required to write the purchase order. Please note that without achieving the minimum number of preorders, the order will have to be cancelled, and Scouting America Outfitters will not be able to provide this integral piece of the Jamboree experience. We strongly encourage councils to preorder as soon as possible. Pre-orders will be collected until *July 18, 2025*. See your Scout executive for more details.

## **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.

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## **Reminders from Previous Newsletters**

2025 National Youth Council - [here](#) and [here](#)  
Update to Training Requirements - [here](#)  
Updated Venturing Training - [here](#)  
Hazardous Trees - [here](#)  
Distinguished Eagle Scout Award – *July 31* deadline - [here](#)  
2025 National Outdoor Conference - *September 17-21*- [here](#)  
National Scout Jamboree – Scholarship Program - [here](#)  
Looking for Marketing People for Jamboree Staff - [here](#)  
2026 National Annual Meeting – Week of *May 10-16, 2026*, Dallas, Texas

## **Program Livecasts**

Cub Chat Live (every Friday at 2 pm 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**

National Jamboree - Register for upcoming and view past webinars [here](#)

2025 National Fall Cub Scouts Membership Recruitment Kick-Off - *Thursday, July 31, 2025, 8:00 pm Eastern* - [here](#)  
2025 National Fall Scouts BSA Membership Recruitment Kick-Off - *Thursday, August 7, 2025, 8:00 pm Eastern* - [here](#)

### Newsletters/Blogs/Podcasts

Scouting Safety - [here](#)  
*Aaron on Scouting* - [here](#)  
Scouting in the Boardroom - [here](#)  
Commissioner Newsletter - [here](#)  
Marketing – Subscribe [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](#)  
National Annual Meeting Presentations - [here](#)  
Executive Communications - [here](#)  
Language of Scouting - [here](#)  
Philmont Training Center 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conferences - [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](#)  
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](#)

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