

# Council Service Territory Volunteer Leadership Newsletter



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## **Week of August 18, 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.***

### **Scouting Safely**

This month's topic in the Scouting Safely newsletter is "SAFE Project Tools Use." Find it, subscribe, and more [here](#).

### **Mark Your Calendar for the 2026 National Annual Meeting**

We are excited to announce the Scouting America 2026 National Annual Meeting will be held the week of *May 10–16, 2026*, at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel in the heart of downtown Dallas, Texas. This annual gathering brings together Scouting professionals, volunteers, and supporters from across the country for a week of inspiration, collaboration, and celebration. You will not want to miss the opportunity to connect with fellow leaders, gain valuable insights, and help shape the future of Scouting. Please share this Save the Date with your network and stay tuned for more updates. We look forward to seeing you in Dallas!

### **Raise More, Do More Fundraising Summit**

Make plans to join volunteers and staff members from councils across the country for a great day of fundraising education hosted by the Las Vegas Area Council and conducted by the National Finance and Fund Development Committee and the Office of Philanthropy. Topics will include Changing Culture from Transactional to Philanthropic, Finding Prospects from Within your Database, How to Ask for Bigger Gifts, A Blueprint for Staff and Volunteers Working Together, and more! *Monday, September 29, 2025, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM.* Get information and register [here](#).

### **Scouting America Safeguarding Youth Pocket Guide**

The "Scouting America Safeguarding Youth Pocket Guide" shared at the 2025 National Meeting will be available to councils to order through Scouting America Outfitters. Every Scout leader is responsible for keeping youth safe—and the "Scouting America Safeguarding Youth Pocket Guide" puts the most critical Safeguarding Youth Protection policies in your hands, right when you need them.

### **New Opportunity: Council Contingent Staff Option for the 2026 National Jamboree**

Councils now have a new option to enhance their Jamboree experience. In addition to the required two or four contingent leaders, councils may register additional adults to serve as Council Contingent Staff for the 2026 National Jamboree. These adults (21 years or older) will play a dual role—supporting Jamboree operations during the day while remaining embedded with their contingent in the evenings. This is a great opportunity for adults who want to contribute to the success of the Jamboree while staying connected to their local youth. More details are coming soon.

## **The Campfire Memories Council Toolkit Is Now Available**

Every Scout deserves a spark that lasts a lifetime. Councils can run this campaign flexibly, using the toolkit whenever it is convenient for them. A full set of campaign-matching graphics is available on the Brand Center, along with prewritten emails ready to customize and deploy. The campaign invites your council to celebrate that timeless experience by encouraging local alumni, families, and volunteers to share their own campfire stories through a form on social media.

## **Safety Moment of the Month for August**

Scouting America's Risk Assessment Safety Moment emphasizes the importance of proactively identifying and mitigating potential hazards to consider before engaging in Scouting activities. Risk assessment encourages leaders to utilize various tools and processes to ensure safety. For [August](#), we'll focus on How to Assess Risks. This safety moment is best used to help us answer the question; how do I assess risks? Visit Scouting America's Safety Moment landing page [here](#).

## **Commissioner Newsletter**

The *August 18* Commissioner Newsletter is available [here](#).

- Renew & Thrive
- New Tool for Den Leaders Launched!
- New Guide for Organizing Successful Commissioner Events
- Videos Available of Recent Membership Kickoffs
- Help Unit Leaders Harness Post-Activity Energy
- Scouting is the Door
- The Recruiter Strip is a Great Incentive
- Scoutly is Live
- Get Access to News As It Breaks
- Your National Commissioner Service Team Serves You
- Ask A Commissioner

## **Please Share the Territory Volunteer Newsletter**

This newsletter is sent each week to registered local council Key 3 members and council service territory leads. It is designed to be shared with your staff and volunteers. *Please forward and share it with them.*

## **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**

2026 Silver Buffalo Award Nominations – *August 31* deadline - [here](#) and [here](#)  
Fall Recruitment Media Campaign - [here](#)  
Scouting America's National Safety Summit - *September 14-17* - [here](#)  
2025 National Outdoor Conference - *September 17-21* - [here](#)  
National Cub Scout Program Update Conference – *December 12-15* – watch for more details

## **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

Monthly Membership Rally – August 21 – Register [here](#)

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

2025 National Fall Membership Recruitment Kick-Off recording - [here](#) for Cub Scouting and [here](#) for Scouts BSA

## 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](#)

Merit Badges - [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](#)

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