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**.

Introducing Scouts BSA's New National Youth Council

Scouts BSA has announced the new National Youth Council has been selected and is now operational. These 40 Scouts were chosen from a pool of more than 200 applicants, representing troops from councils across the nation. This diverse group of youth leaders will play a vital role in shaping the future of Scouts BSA programming. See more here.

Scouts BSA Quarterly Troop Membership Webinar

Scouts BSA has announced a new quarterly webinar series designed specifically for troops. The target audience is Scoutmasters, troop committee chairs, chartered organization representatives, and youth leaders. The first webinar is "Stronger Troops, Empowered Youth: Recruiting & Retention that Works" and will be held on October 19th, at 7:30 pm Eastern. Register here.

Safeguarding Youth Parents' Video

A link to the recently introduced Safeguarding Youth Training Parents' Video may now be found on the post-login landing page of My.Scouting.

Scouts BSA Advancement Webinar

Join Scouts BSA for an informative webinar - Click, Learn, Earn: Digital Tools for Merit Badge Counselors - to help merit badge counselors leverage digital tools to enhance the Scouting experience. *November 5th* at 7:00 pm Central. Register here (Recordings may be found here).

Order More Halloween Bookmarks

Thanks to the incredible response to Outfitters' Halloween-themed membership engagement initiative, we're opening a limited-time opportunity for councils to order additional bookmarks to support local packs during trick-or-treat season. See your Scout executive for details.

Commissioner Newsletter

The October 13 Commissioner Newsletter is available here.

October is Mental Health Month

Monthly Membership Mixer, October 19

National Cub Scout Program Conference, December 12 - 14
BeAScout.org Updates
New Video for Parents
Unit and Membership Renewals
Aerial Sports Support WANTED!
Do You Know Your Knots?
Do You Follow Us on Social Media?
How Can We Help You?
Ask A Commissioner

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience is an exciting program where young men and women enhance their leadership skills through team building, ethical decision-making, problem solving, and service to others. Registration for 2026 courses at the Summit is open and can be found here. Philmont course information will be found here soon.

Monthly Membership Rally

The Monthly Membership Rally is a chance to share tools for Councils to run successful spring/fall recruitment campaigns and develop a framework for new unit campaigns. Each council should have their key membership representative(s) in attendance October 16th, and November 20th at 3:00 pm Central. Register in advance here.

Back Issues of the Volunteer Leadership Newsletter

We have created a repository of the most recent back issues of the *Newsletter*. Find them <u>here</u>. Be sure to check them out if you are new to this newsletter and/or to review earlier issues.

Reminders from Previous Newsletters

Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet - October 17-19, 2025 - here

2025 "Camping Attendance Report" and 2026 NCAP Intent to Operate Submissions Deadline – October 31 - here Fall Recruitment Media Campaign and Assets - here

2026 Silver Antelope Nominations - November 30 - here

National Cub Scout Program Update Conference – December 12-15 – register here

2026 National Annual Meeting - May 10-16, 2026 - Dallas

2027 World Scout Jamboree - here

Exploring New Unit Organization Trainings - here

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

Membership Mixer – October 19 – Register here

Scouts BSA Quarterly Troop Membership Webinar – October 19 – Register <u>here</u>

Alumni Webinars - 3:30 PM Pacific – Read more here

Applying for College Scholarships, Including National Eagle Scout Association Scholarships - November 9

Encouraging Your Older Scouts to Stay in the Scouting Program - December 7

A Discussion with the National Eagle Scout Association President - January 11

Earning Your Scouting Alumni Award - February 8

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 and se

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 2025 National Annual Meeting Presentations - here Language of Scouting - here Merit Badges - here Online Registration Information - here National Council Videos - here High Adventure Bases - here National Jamboree - here Council Support - here National Eagle Scout Association - 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

