

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.***

Technology Update Webinars

Scouting America's Technology Group will be hosting webinars this summer to update Scouters on changes to technology tools. Scoutconnect is the project name and will include changes to BeAScout, Online Registration, and in the future, My.Scouting and Scoutbook+. "Technology Update – Scoutconnect, what is changing this fall?" will be offered on **Monday, July 20** and **Thursday, August 13, at 7:00 pm Central**. The links below will allow Scouters to join the webinar sessions in Microsoft Teams when they start. Sessions are limited to the first 10,000 attendees. **July 20 [here](#)** and **August 13 [here](#)**.

Silver Buffalo Award Nominations

Silver Buffalo Award recipients include volunteers who have shaped almost every aspect of Scouting and provided extraordinary service to youth. Since its inaugural class 100 years ago, the Silver Buffalo has been Scouting's highest commendation. The 2026 class was recognized during the National Annual Meeting. Nominations for the 2027 Silver Buffalo class are being accepted until *August 31*. Click [here](#) and [here](#) for more information.

2027 National Volunteer Training Conference

Join Scouting U and Scouting trainers from all over Scouting America in St. Louis on *April 15-17* for the 2027 National Volunteer Training Conference — a gathering built to elevate leadership and ignite passion for serving youth. This is a chance to connect, grow, and be part of something truly unforgettable. Save the date on your calendars and watch for more details.

Venturing Program Webinar

There will be no July Venturing Program webinar in July due to the Jamboree. The next webinar will be on "Crews for College" scheduled for *Wednesday, August 19 at 7:30pm Central*. These program webinars are usually held the third Wednesday of each month.

Commissioner Newsletter

The *July 13* edition of the Commissioner Newsletter is available [here](#).

An Enhanced BeAScout Experience Starts Soon

Merit Badge Digital Resource Guides

Stronger Leaders, Stronger Packs: Training Awards Update

Halloween Bookmarks Update
Guidance for Laser Tag and Squirt Tag & Squirt Guns Published
Unit Commissioner Retention Fast Start Webinar
Follow Us On Social Media
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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

Promotion Materials for Military Family National Fee Waiver - [here](#)
New Eagle Scout Study - [here](#)
ScoutConnect Platform Preview - [here](#)
Fall Recruitment Local Council Marketing Playbook - [here](#)
2026 National Properties Conference – September 25-26 - [here](#)

Program Livestreams

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](#)
Exploring Live Hour (Monthly) - Schedule and registration [here](#)

Webinars

2026 National Fall Membership Recruitment Kick-Offs

Cub Scouting - Wednesday, July 15 at 7:00 pm Central - [here](#)

Scouts BSA - Wednesday, July 22 at 7:00 pm Central - [here](#)

Scoutconnect technology update webinars - **July 20 [here](#)** and August 13 [here](#)

Monthly Finance and Fund Development Webinar – *Third Wednesday at 2:00 pm Central* - See recordings [here](#)

Scouts BSA Advancement Demystified Series - Recordings may be found [here](#) and the links to the webinars may be found [here](#)

Monthly Membership Rally - Future Rallies, **July 16**, August 20, September 17, October 15, and November 12 – Register [here](#)

Outdoor Programs - Webinars will be on the *Second Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm Central* beginning in September unless otherwise noted. You can find more detailed information [here](#) and register [here](#) for the full series.

Gift Planning Webinar – View the recording of the June webinar [here](#).

Alumni Webinars - Read more [here](#)

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

Venturing – See recordings of program webinars [here](#)

Newsletters/Blogs/Podcasts

Scouting Safety - [here](#)
On Scouting - [here](#)
Marketing – Subscribe [here](#)
Aquatics - [here](#)
Scouting in the Boardroom - [here](#)
Commissioner - [here](#)
Trail To Adventure - [here](#)
Scouting Alumni - [here](#)
Training Times - [here](#)
Abilities Digest - [here](#)
Scouting Wire - [here](#)

Important Links

Youth Safety - [here](#)
Incident Reporting - [here](#)
Health and Safety - [here](#)
Safety Moments - [here](#)
Scouting America Brand Guidelines and Materials - [here](#)
Language of Scouting - [here](#)
Training Resources - [here](#)
Merit Badges - [here](#)
Online Registration Information - [here](#)
Scouting America Membership Standards - [here](#)
Philmont Training Center Conferences - [here](#)
National Council Videos - [here](#)
High Adventure Bases - [here](#)
National Jamboree - [here](#)
Scouting Forms - [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](#)
Marketing and Recruitment Resources - [here](#)
Scouting Newsroom - [here](#)
Scouting Emergency Assistance Fund - [here](#)
Brand Center - [here](#)
America250 Visual Identity Guidelines - [here](#)
America250 Generic and Local Council Logos - [here](#)

