

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.***

National Annual Meeting

National Annual Meeting (May 11-15) information may be found [here](#). We strongly encourage you to attend this valuable meeting and be “in the room, at the table, and face-to-face” with other leaders of Scouting America to share, learn, give input, and build important relationships to help youth, your council(s), and you in your Scouting role – and to recognize fellow Scouters receiving National-level awards. The hotel reservation link and the meeting registration link are coming soon.

Silver Buffalo Award Class of 2026

Below are the recipients of the Silver Buffalo Award for 2026 – the Centennial of the first presentations in 1926. The formal presentation of the awards will be at the National Annual Meeting in May. Congratulations to these servant leaders!

John Beebe, Sr., Indiana
David Warren Bell, Oklahoma
Timothy Brown, Kentucky
John Dozier, Illinois
Dr. Jay William Fox, Virginia
David Alan Gingras, Pennsylvania
Jane Grossman, Missouri
Richard Kevin Hathaway, Connecticut
Terry Honan, Alabama
Dennis Kampa, Colorado
Michael R. Philbrook, California
Rev. David Weyrick, Ohio
Barry Williams, Maryland
Patricia Jeanne Wrath, Hawai'i

Scouting America Statement Concerning Department of War Announcement

Read the press release [here](#).

Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Discontinuance

Read more [here](#). Find an updated Eagle Scout Application [here](#).

Launch of Liberty in Action

Scouting America is proud to announce the official launch of the new Liberty in Action: 250th Anniversary Challenge, a special program celebrating the values, service, and civic spirit that define our nation and our Scouts. Beginning **Monday, March 2**, Scouts across the country can earn the Liberty in Action 250th Challenge patch. See more [here](#).

Sea Scouts' New National Alliance

NauticEd, a leader in modern boating education, and Sea Scouts, the flagship aquatics and maritime program of Scouting America, have announced a nationwide partnership to inspire and prepare the next generation of boaters and maritime leaders. Read more [here](#).

Exploring New Unit Trainings

Due to high demand, additional Exploring New Unit Trainings have been scheduled for all professionals and volunteers. This is a great opportunity to get your staff and volunteers trained. Click [here](#) to learn more and sign up for the trainings today.

Hillcourt Silver Medal Nominations

Nominations for the Hillcourt Silver Medal for distinguished contributions to Scouting history at the national and international levels for 2026 are being accepted now through *April 30*. Please visit the Foundation's website, [here](#), for information about nominating someone for these awards.

Monthly Membership Rally

The Monthly Membership Rally events will continue in 2026, starting with the first Zoom rally meeting on *March 19 at 3:00 pm Central*. Please register [here](#). Future rallies will be held on *April 16, May (in-person at the National Annual Meeting), June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, and November 12*.

National 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 Recruitment for Older Youth Programs including Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouts, with Andrea Marron, and Ramin Rostampour from the National Venturing Committee. We encourage all territory, council, and district membership teams to plan to attend this interactive and informative meeting on *March 15 at 8:00pm Eastern*. Participants should register [here](#).

Commissioner Newsletter

The *March 2* Commissioner Newsletter is available [here](#).

Reminder: Commissioner Week at Philmont Training Center, June 7 – 13

Spring Commissioner Impact Session, April 11

2026 National Exploring Live Hour

Merit Badge Pamphlets Are Receiving a Modern Update

Competitive Gaming Newest Badge Added to the Test Lab

Scouts BSA Program Features

2026 National Jamboree Day Visitors

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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

Gift Planning Webinar - March 5 at Noon Eastern - [here](#)

Exploring Training and Live Hour - [here](#)

Scouting U National Volunteer Training Conference - March 26-28 - Nashville - [here](#)

2026 National Annual Meeting – May 11–15 – Dallas - [here](#)

2026 National Jamboree Day Visitor Tickets - [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](#)

Exploring Live Hour (second Wednesday at 1:00 pm Central – Schedule and registration [here](#))

Webinars

Scouts BSA Membership Webinar

“Empowering the Patrol Leaders Council and Youth Leadership in Membership Growth” - March 8 at 4:30 pm Pacific. Register [here](#)

Membership Mixer - March 15 at 8:00pm Eastern - Register [here](#)

Outdoor Program and Properties

2026 Pre-Camp Leadership Meeting – March 19 at 7:00 pm Central – [here](#)

Mental, Emotional, Social Health at Camp – April 16 at 2:00 pm Central – [here](#)

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

Scouting America Alumni Awards and Recognitions – April 19 - Register [here](#)

How to Create an Eagle Scout Mentoring Program – June 7

Scouts BSA Advancement Demystified Series – 8:00 pm Eastern - Recordings may be found [here](#) and the links to the webinars may be found [here](#)

Using Scoutbook Plus for Advancement - Thursday, March 5

Special Needs – Accommodations, Modifications, Registration Beyond the Age of Eligibility, and More - Wednesday, April 22

Merit Badge Counseling - Moving from Good to Great - Wednesday, May 5

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

Gift Planning Webinar – 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](#)

Training Resources - [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](#)
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](#)

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