

# Council Service Territory Volunteer Leadership Newsletter



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## Week of September 28, 2026

*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.***

### Scouts BSA Membership Corner

Growing Scouts BSA membership starts with a strong plan, and the Scouts BSA Membership Corner gives troops the tools to do it. The page consists of a Membership Menu, a list of year-round recruiting ideas, and the Troop Builder Planning Checklist, which leaders use twice a year to review recruitment, retention, and program plans. Troops can also watch three recorded membership webinars on recruiting non-Scouts and older youth, on putting the patrol leader's council in charge of growth, and download the new handout that parents can bring to wellness visits so more families learn about Scouting. Share [this page](#) with your council staff, commissioners, and troop leaders.

### National Day of Service Toolkit

Templated fliers, social posts, press releases, and email templates are available [here](#) to help you create a memorable Impact365 project, whether you have it on *November 14* or another day entirely. Learn more about Impact365 and the National Day of Service [here](#).

### BeAScout Pin Update

Unit leaders may receive a text, email, or call from "Jess," a virtual AI membership engagement assistant being piloted by Scouting America. Jess will ask a few quick questions about unit meeting location, times, fees, and what makes the unit great. Answers will be used to automatically update BeAScout pins. Encourage units who have not updated pins and prefer to handle the update manually to visit My.Scouting and do so now. To learn more about pin updates, including step-by-step instructions, visit [here](#).

### Office of Development Gift Planning Webinar

You are invited you to join the upcoming bi-monthly Office of Development Gift Planning Webinar on **October 1 at 12:00pm Eastern**. This month's webinar will be focused on the state of donor advised funds as an increasingly consequential part of the nonprofit sector. You can access the Zoom link [here](#).

### Order of the Arrow Information

- Information for your lodge's 2027 charter renewal is now available. Your lodge's 2027 charter renewal is due on or before *December 31, 2026*.
- The 2027 National Order of the Arrow Conference registration opens *October 5*. You can learn more [here](#).
- After a huge success and positive feedback from lodge contingents who attended the 2026 pilot, the Lodge

Treks program is returning for a second year at Philmont Scout Ranch for a 10-day, 9-night trek from *July 4 to July 14, 2027*.

### 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.

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### Reminders from Previous Newsletters

Philmont 2028 Registration – *October 1* - [here](#)

Northern Tier 2027–2028 Okpik Winter Adventure Season Registration - *October 1* - [here](#)

Scouts BSA Senior Patrol Leader Summit – *October 25* – information [here](#)

National Day of Service – *November 14* - Read more [here](#)

Silver Antelope Award – *November 30* deadline - [here](#)

GivingTuesday Council Toolkit – *December 1* - [here](#)

Merge Member ID - [here](#)

Technology Update Webinar Recordings - [here](#)

Alumnus of the Year Awards - [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

Virtual Religious Relationships Week - *September 28th – October 1* - registration and more information [here](#)

Arrow Of Light to Scout Transition Process Webinar - on *September 29 at 12:00pm Central* - Register [here](#)

Improving Exploring Retention – *September 29 at 8:00 pm Eastern* - Register [here](#)

Monthly Finance and Fund Development Webinar – *October 1 at Noon Eastern* - Donor Advised Funds - [here](#). See August recording (Will and Estate Planning) recording [here](#)

Alumni Webinars –

- “Resumes: How to highlight your Eagle Scout experiences, knowledge, and skills.” *October 4, 5:30pm Central*. Register in advance for the webinar and get more information [here](#).
- “Free Money! Applying for College Scholarships, Including NESA Scholarships” *November 15, 5:30pm Central*. Register in advance for the webinar and get more information [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.

*October 8* – Develop a Staff Alumni Association

*October 29 – 7:00 pm Central* – What’s new in NCAP for 2027

*November 12* – Property Management and Maintenance Best Practices

Cub Scouting Monthly Momentum Rallies – Register in advance

- *Wednesday, October 14* - [here](#)
- *Wednesday, November 11* - [here](#)

Monthly Membership Rally - Future Rallies - *October 15, and November 12* – Register [here](#)

Venturing Live – Third Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm Central. Register in advance [here](#). See recordings of webinars [here](#)

### **Newsletters/Blogs/Podcasts**

Commissioner eBlast – Every Monday - [here](#)

Scouting Safety - [here](#)

*On Scouting* - [here](#)

Marketing – Subscribe [here](#)

Membership Engagement - Subscribe [here](#)

Aquatics - [here](#)

Scouting in the Boardroom - [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](#)

TechHub - [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](#)

Scouting Forms - [here](#)

2027 World Scout Jamboree - [here](#)

Council Support - [here](#)

National Eagle Scout Association - [here](#)

Marketing Resources - [here](#)

National Camping Schools - [here](#)

Scouting Forums - [here](#)

Order of the Arrow - [here](#)

Commissioners - [here](#)

Program Updates - [here](#)

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Scouting Emergency Assistance Fund - [here](#)

Brand Center - [here](#)

