

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.***

Safety Moment of the Month

Safety is at the core of Scouting, and as leaders, we are responsible for promoting safe practices. One effective tool for fostering a safety culture is the Safety Moment—a brief reminder at every meeting that reinforces safety and encourages thoughtful discussion among Scouts and Scouters. As part of our commitment to fostering a culture of safety, we are excited to launch our Safety Moment of the Month initiative. The Moment of the Month for May is [Hammock Camping in Scouting](#).

Scouting America Hosting American Red Cross Lifeguard Instructor Training Courses

The American Red Cross Lifeguard Instructor training course is designed to equip candidates with the expertise and pedagogical skills necessary to effectively teach lifeguarding courses. Participants will learn to facilitate engaging learning experiences, assess student performance, and ensure course content meets American Red Cross standards for safety and effectiveness. Read more [here](#).

2026 Jamboree Webinars

Visit [here](#) to see upcoming and previous webinars for contingents and staff for the 2026 National Scout Jamboree. There is a webinar coming up on **May 8th**. Beginning in August there will be a contingent webinar on the second Thursday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM Central and a webinar for staff on the first Thursday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM Central.

Bi-Monthly Gift Planning Webinar

Join us for the Office of Development's upcoming bi-monthly gift planning webinar, taking place *Thursday, June 5th at 12:00 pm Eastern*. We will discuss How to properly document planned gifts made to your Council, Gift planning success stories from fellow Councils, and Marketing tools available through the Office of Development. Save the date and click [this link](#) to attend this helpful webinar.

Scouting America and Catholic Scouting Committee Renew Partnership

Scouting America and the National Catholic Committee on Scouting announced the signing of a new Memorandum of Understanding, solidifying their long-standing commitment. Read more in the Scouting Newsroom [here](#).

Jamboree Scout Skills Challenge

Introducing the Jamboree Scout Skills Challenge – a new opportunity for your Scouts to experience a sneak peek of the action and adventure that awaits them at the 2026 National Scout Jamboree. We encourage all councils to incorporate this program into their summer camp operations and help ELEVATE the Jamboree while highlighting the incredible Scout skills we develop every day. Let us bring a piece of the Jamboree to every Scout this summer! Read more [here](#).

Council Dashboard Now Open for Jamboree

The dashboard for council jamboree contingents is now available. You can now begin entering participants into your respective contingents using this tool. See your Scout executive or territory director for more information.

2025 Cub Scout Welcome Kits

The Cub Scout Welcome Kits are returning for the 2025 Fall Recruiting Season, building on last year's success and council feedback. There are a few key updates for this year: Welcome Kits will not be shipped directly to new Cub Scouts. Instead, they will be made available for local council ordering; Councils interested in participating can preorder kits by *May 31st* in bundles of 250, for *June/July* delivery; Councils will handle local distribution of the kits during their fall recruitment events. See your Scout executive or territory director for more information.

New Lifestyle Banner Options Available for a Limited Time

There is a new Scouting lifestyle banner offering, featuring the Scout Law, created in response to recent valuable feedback received. These professionally designed banners are now available for purchase in two convenient sizes to support your council's visibility and recruiting efforts. This banner is available to order between **now and May 14** for all councils and distributors. All orders placed will ship by *May 30th*. See your Scout executive or territory director for ordering details.

REAL ID

Do not forget, if you are travelling by air to the National Annual Meeting or a high adventure base (or anywhere for that matter after *May 7*) be sure to have REAL ID or a passport. Read more [here](#).

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.

Reminders from Previous Newsletters

National Annual Meeting - *May 12-16* - [here](#)

Special Incentives for Early Jamboree Troop and Staff Registrations – See your Scout executive

Distinguished Eagle Scout Award – *July 31* deadline - [here](#)

2025 National Outdoor Conference - *September 17-21*- [here](#)

2025 National Camping School Registration - [here](#)

National Scout Jamboree – Scholarship Program - [here](#)

Program Livecasts

Cub Chat Live (every Friday at 2pm 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

2026 National Jamboree - Register for upcoming and view past webinars [here](#)

- **May 8 – ELEVATE Your Planning**

Bi-Monthly Gift Planning Webinar – June 5 at Noon Eastern – [here](#)

Important Links

Youth Safety - [here](#)

Health and Safety - [here](#)

Scouting Emergency Assistance Fund - [here](#)

Scouting America Brand Guidelines and Materials - [here](#)

Executive Communications - [here](#)

Philmont Training Center 75th Anniversary Conference Registration - [here](#)

Commissioner eBlast - [here](#)

Scouting the Boardroom Podcast - [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](#)

Aaron on Scouting - [here](#)

Scouting America News & Events - [here](#)

Commissioners - [here](#)

Abilities Digest - [here](#)

Program Updates - [here](#)

Summer Camp Staff Jobs - [here](#)

Awards Central - [here](#)

Trail To Adventure Blog - [here](#)

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