

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.***

Scouting America Statement on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit Decision

Scouting America has issued a statement concerning the *May 12* decision by the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Read the full statement [here](#).

Safeguarding Youth Training

As announced at the National Annual Meeting, on Friday *May 16* the new *Safeguarding Youth Training* went live in the Volunteer Learn Center on My.Scouting. This new course replaces *Youth Protection Training*. *Safeguarding Youth Training* is valid for one year and the subsequent annual renewal will be a shorter, 15–20-minute, refresher with a review test. Your *Youth Protection Training* is still valid to maintain your registration until it expires, but we encourage you to take this updated training which includes new information and topics to keep Scouting, and all youth, Safe.

Know2Protect Presentation and Patch

Scouting America is offering an exclusive (and free!) patch to Scouts and their families who participate in Project iGuardian training, the official in-person educational arm of Know2Protect. The patch serves as a symbol of their commitment to stay safe online and digital citizenship. Presentations are delivered by Homeland Security special agents and other subject matter experts. These audience-specific presentations are given to schools, community groups, corporations, and nonprofit organizations who are looking to learn more and join the fight against online child sexual exploitation and abuse. To request an iGuardian presentation, email: iguardian.hq@hsi.dhs.gov. After your presentation is confirmed, you may order patches [here](#). Read more [here](#).

Cub Scouting Resources

Research shared by the Cub Scouting Committee at the National Annual Meeting showed that well over 90% found the various program resources on Scouting.org very helpful. The challenge is many, if not most, Cub Scout leaders are not aware of them! Share the wealth of resources found [here](#) with your leaders. Also, take a look at the new *Den Meeting Activity Card Deck* [here](#). Councils can pre-order cards [here](#).

New Aviation Merit Badge

Scouting America has announced the launch of an updated Aviation Merit Badge. The revised program aims to inspire young people to explore the fascinating world of flight, from the principles of aerodynamics to the diverse careers within the aviation industry. Read the full statement [here](#). The digital resource guide is available [here](#).

Merit Badge Test Lab

Earlier this year, the Scouts BSA Merit Badge "Test Lab" launched to gather feedback on potential new merit badges, including Auctioneering, Life Skills, and Wildland Fire Management. Remind Scouts to keep an eye on the [Test Lab](#) for updates with future potential merit badges.

Digital Merit Badge Pamphlets

Merit badge pamphlets are now available digitally on Scouting.org. Find them [here](#).

Scouts BSA Updates

Look [here](#) for updates to Scouts BSA. Watch for updates this week related to a troop self-assessment program designed to replace the Journey to Excellence, new merit badges and the "Scoutly" chatbot, an artificial intelligence guide introduced at the National Annual Meeting to help Scouts, parents, and volunteers.

Devang Desai Elected New Scouting America National Commissioner

At the National Annual meeting, the election of Devang Desai as Scouting America's National Commissioner was announced. Desai brings a wealth of experience in youth development, community engagement, and organizational leadership to this pivotal volunteer role. Read the full statement [here](#).

National Annual Meeting

Check out more from the National Annual Meeting [here](#), including:

- National Alumnus of the Year
- Silver Buffalo Class of 2025
- Why boys and young men need Scouting now more than ever
- David Montgomery

Scouting U on Zoom

Join Scouting University on Zoom on **May 21** at 7:30 pm Central, to learn more about their Philmont Training Center conferences for volunteers and professionals this summer. Register [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

#MyFriendToo - [here](#) and [here](#)

Cub Scout Welcome Kits – [here](#)

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](#)

Monthly Membership Rally – June 12 – Register [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

Scouting U at the Philmont Training Center – May 21 at 7:30 pm Central – register [here](#)
2026 National Jamboree - Register for upcoming and view past webinars [here](#)
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](#)
Scouting Alumni - [here](#)
Training Resources - [here](#)
Marketing and Recruitment Resources - [here](#)
Scouting Newsroom - [here](#)
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