

# Council Service Territory Volunteer Leadership Newsletter



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## Week of April 6, 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.***

### Safeguarding Youth Refresher Training Launches This Week

The new *Safeguarding Youth Refresher Training* will launch this week to help Scouters renew this annual training required. Anyone who has completed the full *Safeguarding Youth Training* course and it is currently active or has expired within the last 7 days, is eligible to take the refresher training. If the full *Safeguarding Youth Training* has been expired for 7 days or more, you will need to complete the full Safeguarding Youth Course again before receiving credit. Participants taking the refresher training must successfully pass the exam on the first attempt to receive credit for the Y01 training code. *If the exam is not passed, the system will automatically route to the full course to ensure a complete review of the material. Once the refresher exam is failed, the refresher course cannot be relaunched, and the full course must be completed.* The training will be available in English and Spanish in the Volunteer Learn Center on My.Scouting.

### Scouting America and Artemis

Scouting America has announced a new collaboration with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in support of the Artemis program, opening the door to expanded, hands-on educational opportunities for Scouts across the country. Learn more [here](#).

### Trail to Adventure News

Find the articles in the March-April issue of *Trail to Adventure News* and subscribe to receive future issues [here](#).

- Reminder: Scout Camps—Submit Your Declaration of Readiness by May 15 and Needed Training 2026
- The 11th Essential: “The Adventure Plan (TAP)” Goes Live
- Adaptive Special Needs Courses at Philmont This Summer
- Range Supervision and Your Unit – What You Need to Know
- BelayON Manual Update Released
- CASTing Call: Extend Your Summer of Scouting at the 2026 National Jamboree!
- National Camping School – Not Only for Camp Staffs
- Experience the Adventure: 2026 National Jamboree Day Visitor Tickets Now Available!
- Save the Date – The Camp Collaborative at Philmont: September 27 – October 2, 2026

### Family Adventure Camp at High Adventure Bases

Scouters have encouraged Scouts to experience the magic of places like Philmont Scout Ranch, the Summit Bechtel Reserve, and Florida Sea Base for many years. Now there is a wonderful opportunity to return to those places in a new way, this time with your own family. Scouting America’s Family Adventure Camp program opens these iconic properties

to families who want to spend time outdoors together. It is a perfect excuse to bring your kids, grandkids, or extended family to experience the same sense of adventure that made these places special to all of us. Learn more [here](#).

### **Venturing Recruiting**

The recording of the Venturing program webinar on recruiting resources is now available [here](#).

### **The Camp Collaborative**

Join us at Philmont Scout Ranch for the inaugural Camp Collaborative at Philmont, a week dedicated to strengthening camps and properties across Scouting through practical learning, collaboration, and hands-on training. Participants will arrive *Sunday, September 27 and depart Friday, October 2*, selecting from a variety of courses designed to support the management, stewardship, and operation of Scouting's camping operations. Many of the sessions will emphasize hands-on learning and practical skills that participants can take back and apply directly at their home camps. This gathering is ideal for anyone interested in improving and strengthening their local camping operation. 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/or to review earlier issues.

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### **Reminders from Previous Newsletters**

Distinguished Eagle Scout Award Application Cycle - **April 1 through July 31** - [here](#)

Read Sacred Texts Event - *May 7* - Learn more [here](#)

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

2026 Silver Buffalo and Silver Antelope Recipients - [here](#)

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

Exploring Training and Live Hour - [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**

**Gift Planning Webinar – April 9, at 12:00 pm Eastern** - Join the webinar [here](#). See recordings [here](#)

Monthly Membership Rally - *April 16 at 1:00 Central* – Register [here](#). Future Rallies *May (in-person at the National Annual Meeting), June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, and November 12*.

National Membership Mixer - *April 19 at 7:00 pm Central*. Register [here](#)

Outdoor Program and Properties

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

Marketing Webinar - Fall Marketing Plans - Council Scout executive/Staff Session - *April 16 at Noon Central* and Council

Volunteer Session - *April 16 at 7:00 pm Central* - Register [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* - Register [here](#)

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

Special Needs – Accommodations, Modifications, Registration Beyond the Age of Eligibility, and More - *Wednesday, April 22* – Register [here](#)

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

Webinar Series for Unit Commissioners Serving Explorer Posts - *April 23 at 8:00 pm Eastern*. Register [here](#)

Monthly Finance and Fund Development Webinar – *Third Wednesday at 2:00 pm Central* - 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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