

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**.*

Council Financial Management Webinar for Volunteers and Professionals

“Financial Strength = Council Strength: Essentials to Know About Your Council’s Financial Management” is the first in a quarterly series of four practical elements for every council officer, treasurer, board member, Scout executive, audit committee member, accountant, comptroller, and staff advisor. Scouting America recognizes the need to assist our councils with resources in the areas of fiscal strength and fiduciary best practices. There is always more to learn in the area of finance management and non-profit accounting and audit best practices. By the end of this session, participants will be able to locate and identify the following resources: Review and download job descriptions from the “Council Operations Guidebook”; Be introduced to the “Interpreting Financial Statement Guidebook”; Review two key protocols from the “Fiscal Management Procedures for Stewardship”; Discuss three of the most common audit issues from “Guidebook to the Audit”. *February 19 at 2:00 pm Central - [here](#)*

National Scouts BSA Spring Recruitment Kick-Off

All Scouts BSA unit leaders and select council staff will soon receive invitations to our 2026 Spring Recruitment Kick-Off Zoom webinar on *February 26 at 8:00 pm Eastern*. This collaborative event features insights from both national and local leadership, focusing on actionable strategies to expand our reach.

New Venturing Program Helps

Short activities and games ranging from five minutes to one hour that can be used as drop-in activities during crew meetings or on crew adventures. Find out what they are and how to use them on *February 18 at 7:30 pm Central*. by signing up for this month’s Venturing National Live Hour webinar [here](#).

Scouting U Training Conference

More information about the 2026 Scouting U National Volunteer Training Conference, *March 26-28* in Nashville, is now available on the Scouting.org Training [page](#). Please share this information with your council’s training team.

New Belay On Manual

The updated *Belay On* manual has been released and is now available on the COPE and Climbing website [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.

Reminders from Previous Newsletters

America250 Visual Identity Guidelines - [here](#)

America250 Generic and Local Council Logos - [here](#)

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

2026 Philmont Training Center Conferences - [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](#)

Webinars

Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation Webinar – February 12 at 3:00 pm Central – See your Key 3 for the link

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

Earning Your Scouting Alumni Award – February 15 – Register [here](#)

Planning and Conducting National Eagle Scout Association and Other Council Events – *March 1* – Register [here](#)

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

How to Create an Eagle Scout Mentoring Program – *June 7*

February Membership Mixer – “Tackling Membership Loss” – February 15 at 7:00 pm Central – Register [here](#)

Outdoor Program and Properties

Non-Scout Use of Your Camp – HOW TO – *February 19 at 2:00 pm Central* – [here](#)

2026 Pre-Camp Leadership Meeting – *April 16 at 2:00 pm Central* – [here](#)

MESH at Camp (Mental, Emotional, Social Health) – *March 19 at 7:00 pm Central* – [here](#)

Key-3 to Key-3 Webinar – *February 23 at 1:00 pm Central*

Scouts BSA Membership Webinars

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

Scouts BSA Advancement – *First Wednesday of each month* - Recordings may be found [here](#)

Monthly Finance and Fund Development Webinar – *Third Wednesday at 2:00 pm Central* - [here](#) and 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](#)
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](#)
National Council Videos - [here](#)
High Adventure Bases - [here](#)
National Jamboree - [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](#)
Training Resources - [here](#)
Marketing and Recruitment Resources - [here](#)
Scouting Newsroom - [here](#)
Scouting Emergency Assistance Fund - [here](#)
Brand Center - [here](#)

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