



## COUNCIL SERVICE TERRITORY VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP NEWSLETTER

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*The Council Service Territory Volunteer Leadership Newsletter is a weekly digest of information for key local council and council service territory volunteers from multiple BSA sources. Learn more about the items important to you and **please share appropriate content with other Scouters.***

### Known Renewal Notice Issue

A notice on [My.Scouting](#) - "For those of you with open renewals, the new Membership Renewal Tool is currently picking up older positions, including Merit Badge Counselor registrations that might be lapsed. In March we will complete the changes to registration and sync all your renewals to the expiration date of your paid registration, this will make renewal in the future much easier. Double check your paid positions and ignore any reminders about multiple positions until then."

### Jamboree Chair Announced

Dr. Glenn Ault, a distinguished leader and Scouting volunteer, will serve as the 2026 National Jamboree Chair. Dr. Ault's extensive Jamboree experience, his dedication to Scouting, and his vision for the Jamboree will ensure an unforgettable experience for all who attend. Mark your calendars for *July 22-31, 2026*, and join Glenn at the Summit for the National Jamboree.

### Bankruptcy Update

By now you may have heard the news that the United States Supreme Court has denied the appellants application to stay further implementation of our bankruptcy plan and has lifted the administrative stay. By denying the stay, our plan moves forward, and the trustee can resume her important work compensating survivors. The appeal of our plan in the Third Circuit continues, and with the briefing complete, the court will hear oral argument on *April 9, 2024*. It is likely that the Supreme Court will issue its opinion in the Purdue Pharma case prior to the time the Third Circuit decides our appeal. The Purdue decision may or may not impact the Third Circuit's decision in our case; however, we are hopeful that whatever the Supreme Court decides in Purdue, it ultimately will not derail our plan. We will continue to keep you informed on the process; however we should remain laser focused on our mission to deliver Scouting to more than a million young men and women across the country.

### SAFE Scouting

The National Safe Scouting Committee has fully engaged with the goal of *Becoming the National Leader in Youth Safety* as presented in the 5 Imperatives of the BSA Roadmap. Over the past century, we have made significant strides in establishing a robust safety culture within Scouting. While we believe our movement is generally safe, we recognize the

ongoing need to enhance safety measures and focus on harm prevention. Given your role as influencer, they have requested your assistance in disseminating the message of safety. Be sure to include [Safety Moments](#), the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#), the [SAFE](#) information sheet, and other tools in your meetings, activities, and communications.

### **Do You Have a Great Cub Scouting Volunteer?**

The National Cub Scouting Committee is currently developing den meeting resources to deliver Cub Scout Adventures. A team of volunteers has been working for several months to produce these resources and are now looking for assistance from qualified Cub Scouting volunteers to complete the project. If you have a key Cub Scouting volunteer or even a staff member who meets the qualifications below, please contact your Scout executive with the name, phone number, and email address of the person you are recommending by *March 1*. This is not an invitation to serve on the National Cub Scouting Committee but rather an invitation to assist in one of our final phases of the Cub Scout program updates. They are looking for 30 Cub Scouters. The project has a three-week deadline from *March 6 to March 29*. The following is a list of qualities they are looking for in the individual you are recommending.

- Understand the developmental appropriateness of activities for the grade levels in Cub Scouting.
- Ability to relate a Cub Scout activity for a requirement to the intended value of the overall Adventure and to the values of Scouting.
- Understand the concept of processes and the ability to write step-by-step instructions. Directions must be clear, concise, include a detailed supply list, and easy to understand.
- Ability to accept feedback during the writing process and understand the final product will look different.
- Ability to meet the given deadline.

### **National Annual Meeting**

The National Annual Meeting page on Scouting.org can be found [here](#). Most things are still “coming soon” but we wanted you to be aware it is there so you can keep an eye on it for updates. We encourage you to attend this valuable meeting and be “in the room, at the table, and face-to-face” with other leaders of the BSA to share, learn, and build important relationships to help youth, your council(s), and you in your Scouting role.

### **Aaron on Scouting**

Be sure to bookmark and check [this](#) excellent daily (weekdays) resource of Scouting stories from the senior editor of *Scout Life* and *Scouting* magazines. It is a good way to start your day!

### **Local Council Guide to the 2023 Audit**

The *Local Council Guide to the 2023 Audit* has been released and is available for download from the Finance Impact website, [here](#). This guide has been updated for the most recent FASB changes. In addition to the Audit Guide, the “Sample Notes to 2023 Financial Statements,” which your auditor may find useful, has been included as a Word document for easy use.

### **Back Issues of the Packet**

We have created a repository of the most recent back issues of the *Newsletter* and its predecessor *Packet*. Find them [here](#). Be sure to check them out if you are new to this newsletter.

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### **Reminders from Previous Newsletters**

Cub Scouting updates [Linktree page](#)

National Duty to God Award due by *February 29* - [here](#)

Special Needs and Disabilities March Roundtable – *March 6* - [here](#)

Marketing Bootcamp *March 14 and March 21* – Information [here](#) and register [here](#)

Executive board approved membership plan is due by *March 29*

Council progress reviews should be completed by *March 31*

Trail To Adventure Blog - [here](#)

## Webinar Links

Council Finance and Development - [here](#)

Monthly Membership Rally - [Registration](#)

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](#)

2024 National Pre Camp Leaders Meeting - *March 7* - [Registration](#)

Climb to Success: How to Facilitate COPE & Climbing Programs For Your Council - *April 11* - [Registration](#)

## Important Links

Youth Safety - [here](#)

Health and Safety - [here](#)

2024 Good Turn Society – [here](#) and [here](#)

Program Updates - [here](#)

News for Commissioners - [here](#)

National Council Videos - [here](#)

BSA Event Management – [here](#)

*Abilities Digest* - [here](#)

National Camp Accreditation Program 2024 - [here](#)

Marketing and Recruitment Resources - [here](#)

Scouting Newsroom - [here](#)

Language of Scouting - [here](#)



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