

# COUNCIL SERVICE TERRITORY VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP NEWSLETTER

## MARCH 4, 2024

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**.

#### Scouts BSA Survey

We're celebrating the 5th anniversary of girls joining the Scouts BSA program, and we want to hear from them! Every registered girl, whom we have a valid email address, in the Scouts BSA program (and a representative number of boys) will receive an invite for this survey. Please encourage them to take a moment to complete this so we can continue to make this the best experience for everyone! The survey will close *March 14th*.

If your Scout did not receive this email, please check the following: 1) Please verify their email is correct in My.Scouting (not Scoutbook) and 2) Please check your SPAM folders. The sender was "Scouts BSA National Program Committee".

## **New Certificates of General Liability Insurance**

The BSA general liability insurance program (GLIP) has been renewed for the March 1, 2024, to March 1, 2025, policy period. With the policy renewal, our new certificates of insurance are now available. The certificates of insurance templates will show the new policy number(s) and effective/expiration dates. An email notice has been sent to the Scout executives.

#### **Youth Protection Training Update**

The online Youth Protection Training Certification Test has been updated to reflect some changes in terminology. As a result, the facilitated training materials to reflect the online certification test changes. The facilitated training is NOT intended for broad distribution and is for use specifically by training teams who are prepared to teach this course. Please do not post on publicly facing web sites. Previous versions of In-Person YPT materials are superseded with this new release and older materials should not be used.

## **Enabling Significant, Stable Growth**

Less than 2% of young people eligible to join the Boy Scouts of America are enrolled in the organization. This indicates a significant potential for growth. Since the programs offered by the organization attract and retain young and adult members, commissioners can play a role in increasing membership, even if they are not directly responsible for recruiting. Read more here.

#### **March Commissioner Newsletter**

Find the latest issue, and past issues <u>here</u>. Articles this month include: Cub Scout to Scouts BSA Transition, Commissioner Profile Survey, In-Person Impact Session, Commissioner Week 2024, and Zia Family Experience.

#### **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.

### **Reminders from Previous Newsletters**

Cub Scouting updates Linktree page

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

Aaron on Scouting - 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

