

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.

Service Territory Finance Development Webinar

The topic and title this month is "Tell and Sell your Council Story: Tips to be a Better Story Seller." During the session, you will learn how to use storytelling in your council to Improve solicitation and stewardship, Develop your elevator speeches, Better describe your funding priorities, and Better illustrate the impact of philanthropy. Join the webinar on *Wednesday, March 20 at Noon Pacific* here. You can find prior webinars here.

Fiscal Concepts Webinar Series

The Fiscal Management Team invites you to join them for their new monthly Fiscal Concepts Webinar. The purpose of this webinar is to help our local council community better understand the BSA fiscal system. This webinar series will be held the second Thursday of each month and have two sessions. You can either attend at 8:00 am PT or Noon PT. Join the Zoom meeting here.

National Council Annual Meeting

The 2024 National Annual Meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida from *May 5-9*. We encourage you to attend this especially important event to learn, discuss, share, and celebrate in person with the leadership of the BSA, the territories, and local councils. The registration deadline is *March 29*. Find the schedule and registration here.

BSA Alumni Association Welcome Reception

The BSA Alumni Association will be hosting a welcome reception at the National Annual Meeting on *Sunday, May 5 from 3:00 pm* - 5:00 pm. Extend the invitation to all Scouting alums who are planning to be at the meeting or live within driving distance of the event. Reception attendees do not have to be annual meeting registrants to attend. At the reception, attendees can join fellow BSA Alumni and explore the critical role everyone plays in moving Scouting forward. Help BSA Alumni Association promote the reception with these materials on the BSA Brand Center. Registration for the reception can be found here.

Monthly Membership Rally

Share tools for councils to run successful spring/fall recruitment campaigns and develop a framework for their new unit

campaign at the monthly membership rally. Each council should have their key membership representative(s) in attendance. Rallies will be held *April 18, May 5-9* (In-person at the National Meeting), *June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17*, and *November 21*. Register in advance here.

Philmont Training Center

Please take a look at, and share, the schedule of conferences and family programs at the Philmont Training Center. Attendance by your best Scouters can make a difference in councils, units, and families. Find more information here.

Annual Ranking of the Most-Earned and Rarest Merit Badges

The annual merit badge ranking offers a unique glimpse into the interests of Scouts and where they focus their attention. Find it here.

Back Issues of the Packet

We have created a repository of the most recent back issues of the *Newsletter*. Find them <u>here</u>. Be sure to check them out if you are new to this newsletter.

Nice Stories from the Service Territories

Read about the Honor Medal with Crossed Palms recipients for 2023 here.

Reminders from Previous Newsletters

Marketing Bootcamp part 2 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*2024 Silver Buffalo and Silver Antelope recipients - here

Webinar Links

BSA Renewal System Overview - here
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
Climb to Success: How to Facilitate COPE & Climbing Programs For Your Council - April 11 - Registration

Important Links

Youth Safety - here
Health and Safety - here
Cub Scouting updates Linktree page
Aaron on Scouting - here
2024 Good Turn Society - here and here
Program Updates - here
News for Commissioners - here
Commissioner Newsletter - here
National Council Videos - here
BSA Event Management - here
Abilities Digest - here
Trail To Adventure Blog - here
National Camp Accreditation Program 2024 - here

Marketing and Recruitment Resources - <u>here</u> Scouting Newsroom - <u>here</u> Language of Scouting - <u>here</u> BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA COUNCIL SERVICE TERRITORY OPERATIONS