

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**.

How Scouts in Your Community Can Participate in the National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer *is May 2, 2024*, and the BSA's National Religious Relationships Committee is inviting all Scouts and their families to participate by reading a portion of their own sacred text at 5:30 p.m. local time on that day. Find key resources and information <u>here</u>.

Eagle Scout Directory

Help empower your council's Eagle Scouts to participate in the next Eagle Scout Directory. The National Eagle Scout Association has partnered with Publishing Concepts (PCI) to publish the next edition to ensure the Eagle Scout legacy is celebrated! You can help promote this opportunity for Eagle Scouts using these materials on the BSA Brand Center.

New Unit and Registration Renewal

We are amid our new unit and membership renewal roll out and as part of the process we have encountered a few glitches in our system. We are confident these technical issues will be fixed in the very near future and we apologize to those who have been impacted. Although our team is working diligently to resolve all the issues, we are making the following adjustments to help alleviate some of the pressures on local council and unit leaders:

- The new registration fee structure of \$85/65 will be effective on May 1, NOT April 1.
- The elimination of the new member \$25 joining fee will still be effective April 1.
- We have extended the 60-day lapse period for all February and March units.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work through this new process.

April 2024 Commissioner Newsletter

Even if you are not a commissioner, the *Commissioner Newsletter* is a worthwhile read. If you are a commissioner, it is essential (and you should have received it via email last Thursday.) This month's issue includes: It Starts with Effective Communication..., Commissioner Profile Survey, Commissioner Week at Philmont 2024, Charter Renewal Changes Video, Cub Scout Program Changes Tool, and Join our Official Facebook Group. You can find the *Commissioner Newsletter* - here.

2024 Marketing Bootcamp

If you missed the recent Marketing Bootcamp you can find the recordings, and the PowerPoint decks 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

Council Service Territory 3 Leadership Forum Unites Councils

Over 100 attendees from 19 Councils came together to learn, collaborate, and unite in a common goal to grow Scouting in California, Hawai'i, and Nevada. Held over two days on a Friday and Saturday, the event featured Glen Pounder, BSA Youth Protection Executive, as the keynote speaker, along with Matt Henry, BSA Philanthropy Advisor.

Breakout sessions were held in various areas of Scouting, including finance, membership, Safe Scouting, camps, and diversity. The sessions were presented by panelists from Territory 3 councils and others and showcased council successes, new ideas, and current developments. Positional breakouts were also held to provide opportunities for discussions among peer groups. And for a break on the heavier topics, we held a fun outside program activity and met for a fellowship and social hour at a local establishment.

The feedback on the event was exceptionally positive and included comments about both the interest in the topics presented and the value of meeting with other councils, along with looking forward to bringing even more council members to next year's event.



Reminders from Previous Newsletters

National Meeting Resolution Submittal Deadline – April 5

2026 National Jamboree – Request for Program Ideas - here BSA Alumni Association Welcome Reception - here Monthly Membership Rally – register here Philmont Training Center - here

Webinar Links

BSA Renewal System Overview - here

Council Finance and Development - <u>here</u>

Monthly Membership Rally - Registration

Climb to Success: How to Facilitate COPE & Climbing Programs For Your Council - *April 11* - Registration Planning, Supporting and Managing Your District and Council Short-Term Camps - *April 25* - Registration

Program Livecasts

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
Trek on Tuesday (Tuesdays at Noon PT) - Facebook and YouTube

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 - here

Scouting Newsroom - here

Language of Scouting - here

