



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.***

Know2Protect

The BSA is joining forces with the Department of Homeland Security on the launch of the Know2Protect Public Awareness Campaign to Combat Online Child Exploitation and Abuse. Know2Protect provides young people, parents, community leaders, and educators with resources to better prevent and educate themselves on child exploitation and abuse crimes, and to help parents and trusted adults understand how to keep youth safe online. Visit know2protect.gov for more information and resources.

View a [message](#) from Roger Krone on National Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Council Commissioner Confab

Council and territory commissioners, check your email for an invitation to the next Council Commissioner Confab, which will be held on *Sunday, April 28, 2024, starting at 5:00 PM (PT)*. The topic is Seeking, Inviting, and Positioning Unit Service Teams for Success.

Cub Scout Program Updates – Boating Adventures Information

Starting *June 1st*, the Cub Scout program updates will feature additional boating elective adventures. These updated adventures for Bears, Webelos, and Arrow of Light require Cub Scouts to pass the BSA swimmer test before participating. Not passing the test does not mean a Cub Scout can't go boating; it simply means they can't earn their boating elective adventure yet. For example, a Bear Cub Scout can still canoe during an activity as long as they adhere to current aquatics guidelines. However, to earn the Cub Scout Adventure Bears Afloat, they must first pass the swimmer test. Questions? Email outdoorprograms@scouting.org.

Family Adventure Camp

As folks are looking for family outdoor adventures, check out and share unique opportunities offered at the BSA's Family Adventure Camps. Learn more [here](#).

Updated BSA Long-Term Camp Staff Training Guide Released

The BSA *Long-Term Camp Staff Training Guide* has been updated. This Guide was written by and designed for use by BSA long-term camp and program directors. There is no requirement to use this guide, rather it is a resource to help camp leadership build a staff training that meets the needs of a council camp(s). Individuals attending National Camping School starting in April 2024, will receive a copy during National Camping School. Find the guide [here](#).

Merit Badge Proposal Application

Do you have an idea for a new merit badge? Fill out a Merit Badge Proposal application to submit your idea for review. The link to the application is [here](#).

Back Issues of the Packet

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 to review previous issues.

Stories from the Service Territories

Southern California Councils Work Together to Grow Scouting - The Scouting sun shines brightly in Southern California. On April 11, 65 staff members from five Councils in the Los Angeles area and Service Territory 3 gathered for a semi-annual "Collaboration and Idea Sharing Meeting" with a focus on growing Scouting. Strategies to impact underserved communities, organize new units, and expanding development opportunities were shared in positional breakout sessions. The Hawai'ian theme created a "Spirit of Aloha" as people networked and enjoyed some fellowship. The event was highlighted with an engaging and energizing presentation on building community relationships by Dr. Jacqueline L. Sanderlin. Let's grow in 2024!



Video Tribute Created to Celebrate Five Years of Young Women in Scouts BSA - A [video](#) from the Cascade Pacific Council in Service Territory 1 nicely recaps the first five years of young women in Scouts BSA, while also looking forward to a bright future.

Reminders from Previous Newsletters

National Camp Accreditation Program Committee Is Seeking Feedback - [here](#)

2026 National Jamboree – Request for Program Ideas - [here](#)

Philmont Training Center Conferences and Family Program - [here](#)

The BSA's Incident Reporting Site Updated - [here](#)

Update to Scouting's Barriers to Abuse for 18-20 Year Olds - [here](#)

Unit and Membership Renewal - [here](#)

Remaining Short-term Camp Administrator National Camping Schools - [here](#)

Webinar Links

2024 Marketing Bootcamp Replay - [here](#)

BSA Renewal System Overview - [here](#)

Council Finance and Development - [here](#)

Planning, Supporting and Managing Your District and Council Short-Term Camps – April 25 – [Registration](#)

Monthly Membership Rally – register [here](#)

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](#)

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](#)

Training Times - [here](#)

Marketing and Recruitment Resources - [here](#)

Scouting Newsroom - [here](#)

Language of Scouting - [here](#)



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