

Council Service Territory Volunteer Leadership Newsletter



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

Exploring New Unit Trainings

Due to high demand, additional Exploring New Unit Trainings have been scheduled for all professionals and volunteers. This is a great opportunity to get your staff and volunteers trained. Click [here](#) to sign up for the trainings.

Updated Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

The Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation training program (known as BALOO) curriculum has been updated. This important course focuses on outdoor program leadership and safety for Cub Scout age youth and families. Links to the facilitator guide and the online modules can be found [here](#).

Giving Tuesday Toolkit for Councils Now Available

Giving Tuesday, held annually the Tuesday after Thanksgiving—*Tuesday, December 2, 2025*—is a global day of generosity that drives year-end giving locally and nationally. It offers you an opportunity to amplify your local council giving initiatives while national efforts focus on raising support for high adventure bases, the National Eagle Scout Association, Order of the Arrow, and other national programs. To help you reach your audiences with coordinated Giving Tuesday messaging and materials, councils can download a robust toolkit (download it [here](#)) with email templates, social media copy, graphics, and a sample outreach schedule.

Harris Poll Survey – Coming Soon

Scouting America is partnering with the Harris Poll to update a major outcomes study last conducted in 2010. This research will help us better understand the long-term impact of Scouting. Randomly selected Alumni, Eagle Scouts, and Volunteers will receive email invitations to participate. The survey will have the subject line “Scouting America Requests Your Opinion” and will come from ScoutingAmerica@survey-project.com. If someone reaches out to you about the survey, please encourage them to participate. Their input is vital to shaping the future of Scouting.

Drone Exploring Launches

Learning for Life/Exploring is proud to launch Drone Aviation Exploring, a hands-on career exploration program designed to introduce youth to the exciting world of drone technology. This initiative is part of the Aviation Exploring Career Field and is open to youth ages 10–14 (Clubs) and 14–20 (Posts). The program offers real-world exposure to drone-related careers in public safety, agriculture, media, infrastructure, and more.

Updates on Handbook Translations

As many of you are aware, the following Spanish-language versions of Cub Scout and Scouts BSA Handbooks are currently available for purchase on Amazon and Kindle. Print-on-demand versions of these books are available as of *October 20, 2025*. Traditional and Simplified Mandarin translations are coming soon. Braille versions are on the way as well.

Stack Chart Update

Hopefully you have noticed the inclusion of direct contact leader training percentages in the monthly territory stack charts.

A Timely Reminder About the Prohibited Activity of Pumpkin Chunkin’

Fall brings plenty of creative fun, but launching pumpkins with mechanical devices — such as catapults, slingshots, or air cannons — is not an approved Scouting activity under the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#). Always follow the S.A.F.E. principles: Supervision, Assessment, Fitness & Skill, and Equipment & Environment.

Language of Scouting

If you write about Scouting check out and use *The Language of Scouting* style manual. It will help you with things such as the correct usage and capitalization of Scouting words (for example, the words Scout, Scouting, Scouter, etc. are our brand and are always capitalized when referring to our program), when position titles are capitalized and when they are not, when to use Cub Scout or Cub Scouting, and much more. Find it [here](#).

Back Issues of the Volunteer Leadership Newsletter

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/or to review earlier issues.

Reminders from Previous Newsletters

2025 “Camping Attendance Report” and 2026 NCAP Intent to Operate Submissions Deadline – *October 31* - [here](#)
Fall Recruitment Media Campaign and Assets - [here](#)
2026 Silver Antelope Nominations – *November 30* - [here](#)
National Cub Scout Program Update Conference – *December 12-15* – register [here](#)
2026 National Annual Meeting - *May 10–16, 2026* – Dallas
2027 World Scout Jamboree - [here](#)

Program Livecasts

Cub Chat Live (every Friday at 2 pm 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](#)
National Exploring Live Hour (Monthly) - Dates and information [here](#)

Webinars

Alumni Webinars - 3:30 PM Pacific – Read more [here](#)
Applying for College Scholarships, Including National Eagle Scout Association Scholarships - *November 9*
Encouraging Your Older Scouts to Stay in the Scouting Program - *December 7*
A Discussion with the National Eagle Scout Association President - *January 11*
Earning Your Scouting Alumni Award - *February 8*
Monthly Membership Rally - *November 20* - Register in advance [here](#)

Scouts BSA Advancement – *First Wednesday of each month* - Register [here](#) (Recording may be found [here](#))
Scouts BSA Membership Webinar – Find recording [here](#)
Monthly Fundraising Webinar – *Third Wednesday* at 2:00 PM Central - [here](#) and see recordings [here](#)
National Jamboree - Register for upcoming and view past webinars [here](#)
2025 National Fall Membership Recruitment Kick-Off recording - [here](#) for Cub Scouting and [here](#) for Scouts BSA

Newsletters/Blogs/Podcasts

Scouting Safety - [here](#)
Aaron on Scouting - [here](#)
Scouting in the Boardroom - [here](#)
Commissioner Newsletter - [here](#)
Marketing – Subscribe [here](#)
Trail To Adventure - [here](#)
Scouting Alumni - [here](#)
Training Times - [here](#)
Abilities Digest - [here](#)
Scouting Wire - [here](#)

Important Links

Youth Safety - [here](#)
Health and Safety - [here](#)
Safety Moments - [here](#)
Scouting America Brand Guidelines and Materials - [here](#)
2025 National Annual Meeting Presentations - [here](#)
Language of Scouting - [here](#)
Merit Badges - [here](#)
Online Registration Information - [here](#)
National Council Videos - [here](#)
High Adventure Bases - [here](#)
National Jamboree - [here](#)
Council Support - [here](#)
National Eagle Scout Association - [here](#)
Scouting Forums - [here](#)
Order of the Arrow - [here](#)
Commissioners - [here](#)
Program Updates - [here](#)
Summer Camp Staff Jobs - [here](#)
Awards Central - [here](#)
Training Resources - [here](#)
Marketing and Recruitment Resources - [here](#)
Scouting Newsroom - [here](#)
Scouting Emergency Assistance Fund - [here](#)
Brand Center - [here](#)

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