

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.***

Improving Exploring Retention

Improving Exploring Retention Through Multi-Year Programming and Youth Leadership - **September 29 at 8:00 pm Eastern**. For Unit Commissioners and others interested in improving Exploring membership retention. Please come prepared to participate in a discussion. Register [here](#).

Virtual Religious Relationships Week

Join Scouting America volunteers, parents, chaplains, and youth across the nation **September 28th – October 1st** for interactive sessions running nightly at 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm Central on Zoom. Find registration and more information [here](#).

Guide to Advancement Survey

The Scouts BSA Advancement Committee is updating the Scouts BSA portion of the *Guide to Advancement* and is seeking feedback. The short, anonymous survey is a chance to share your thoughts and experiences. Please share with troop leaders, commissioners, advancement committee members, and any interested Scouter. The deadline for completing [the survey](#) is **October 1**.

Wood Badge Course Director Conference

An updated curriculum for the Wood Badge Course Director Conference has been rolled out by Scouting U. The updated conference is designed to help prepare course directors to conduct the best possible Wood Badge courses. The curriculum includes new sessions, updated sessions, and information about updates to the course itself. Course directors, backup course directors, and staff advisors of upcoming courses can find, and register for, upcoming 2026 course director conferences on the Scouting U course director conference registration page [here](#).

Arrow Of Light to Scouts BSA Transition Process Webinar

Join on **Tuesday, September 29 at 12:00pm Central**, for a focused session on helping Arrow of Light Scouts make a smooth and successful move into a Scouts BSA troop. This session is designed to be practical, conversational, and useful for pack and troop leaders alike. Register [here](#).

Preparing Your Volunteers and Staff for Mental Emotional Social Health Challenges

Scout-age youth often face challenges to their mental, emotional, or social health (MESH). MESH encompasses how we think and feel (mental health), our ability to manage and express emotions (emotional health), and our capacity to build meaningful relationships (social health). Scouting America has created a number of tools that can be used to promote the importance of MESH, along with guidance on how to respond to MESH challenges you might face in your council. Find more information [here](#).

Fall Commissioner Impact Session

Join the National Commissioner Service Team at the upcoming in-person impact session – “Forging Ahead - Building Bridges to Retain, Grow, Thrive” - on *Saturday, October 3*. All Scouters are invited, including council, district, and unit volunteers and professionals. Learn more [here](#).

Jamboree on the Air-Jamboree on the Internet

October 16-18. More information [here](#).

Scouting Safely Newsletter

Find this month’s newsletter [here](#) and subscribe to get it delivered to your inbox.

Alumni Newsletter

The September *Scouting Alumni Newsletter* is available. Find it soon and subscribe [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

Philmont 2028 Registration – *October 1* - [here](#)

Scouts BSA Senior Patrol Leader Summit – *October 25* – information [here](#)

Silver Antelope Award – *November 30* deadline - [here](#)

GivingTuesday Council Toolkit – *December 1* - [here](#)

Merge Member ID - [here](#)

Technology Update Webinar Recordings - [here](#)

Alumnus of the Year Awards - [here](#)

Program Livecasts

Cub Chat Live (every Friday at 3 pm Eastern) - [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

Troop Talk Live (second Wednesday of each month at 2 pm Central) - [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

Leading our Adventures (every other Friday at 4 pm Mountain) - [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

Trek on Tuesday (Tuesdays at Noon Pacific) - [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

Exploring Live Hour (Monthly) - Schedule and registration [here](#)

Webinars

National Membership Mixer - “Preparing Units for the New Registration & Renewal Process” - *September 27 at 8:00 pm Eastern* - Register [here](#)

Alumni Webinars –

- “Why You Need the Scouting Alumni Guidebook and How to Use It: Unlock the Potential of Your Council’s Greatest Asset: 100 Million Scouting Alumni.” *Sunday, September 27, 5:30pm Central*. Register in advance for the webinar and get more information [here](#).
- “Resumes: How to highlight your Eagle Scout experiences, knowledge, and skills.” *Sunday, October 4, 5:30pm Central*. Register in advance for the webinar and get more information [here](#).
- “Free Money! Applying for College Scholarships, Including NESAs Scholarships” *Sunday, November 15, 5:30pm Central*. Register in advance for the webinar and get more information [here](#).

Monthly Finance and Fund Development Webinar – *Thursday, October 1 at Noon Eastern* - Donor Advised Funds - [here](#).
See August recording (Will and Estate Planning) recording [here](#)

Monthly Membership Rally - Future Rallies - *October 15, and November 12* – Register [here](#)

Outdoor Programs - Webinars will be on the *Second Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm Central* beginning in *September* unless otherwise noted. You can find more detailed information [here](#) and register [here](#) for the full series.

October 8 – Develop a Staff Alumni Association

October 29 – 7:00 pm Central – What’s new in NCAP for 2027

November 12 – Property Management and Maintenance Best Practices

Cub Scouting Monthly Momentum Rallies – Register in advance

- *Wednesday, October 14* - [here](#)
- *Wednesday, November 11* - [here](#)

Venturing Live – *Third Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm Central*. Register in advance [here](#). See recordings of webinars [here](#)

Newsletters/Blogs/Podcasts

Commissioner eBlast – Every Monday - [here](#)

Scouting Safety - [here](#)

On Scouting - [here](#)

Marketing – Subscribe [here](#)

Membership Engagement - Subscribe [here](#)

Aquatics - [here](#)

Scouting in the Boardroom - [here](#)

Trail To Adventure - [here](#)

Scouting Alumni - [here](#)

Training Times - [here](#)

Abilities Digest - [here](#)

Scouting Wire - [here](#)

Important Links

Youth Safety - [here](#)

Incident Reporting - [here](#)

Health and Safety - [here](#)

Safety Moments - [here](#)

TechHub - [here](#)

Scouting America Brand Guidelines and Materials - [here](#)

Language of Scouting - [here](#)

Training Resources - [here](#)

Merit Badges - [here](#)

Online Registration Information - [here](#)

Scouting America Membership Standards - [here](#)

Philmont Training Center Conferences - [here](#)

National Council Videos - [here](#)

High Adventure Bases - [here](#)

Scouting Forms - [here](#)

2027 World Scout Jamboree - [here](#)

Council Support - [here](#)

National Eagle Scout Association - [here](#)

Marketing Resources - [here](#)

National Camping Schools - [here](#)

Scouting Forums - [here](#)

Order of the Arrow - [here](#)

Commissioners - [here](#)

Program Updates - [here](#)

Awards Central - [here](#)

Marketing and Recruitment Resources - [here](#)

Scouting Newsroom - [here](#)

Scouting Emergency Assistance Fund - [here](#)

Brand Center - [here](#)

