

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.***

Before Recruitment Season: Turning Partnerships into New Units

Recruitment season is here. This working session will show your volunteer and professional team how to walk into a partner conversation already prepared — with the numbers, the answers and the materials in hand. Hosted by Corilynn Bailey, Director of Strategic Youth Partnerships for Scouting America. *September 15 at 2:00pm Central.* Register [here](#).

Alumni Webinar

“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.* Jay Bottorff, the author of the *Scouting Alumni Guidebook*, will present. Register in advance for the webinar and get more information [here](#).

Reminder – Lapsed Period Ending

The two-month lapse period will end on *December 31, 2026*. All members must be current by this date to maintain active status. Members with an *October 2026*, renewal date are last to receive a two-month lapse period. Members with a *November 2026*, renewal date will receive a one-month lapse period, and members with a *December 2026*, renewal date will not receive a lapse period.

Member ID Merger

Soon those members who have multiple Member IDs will be able to merge them in their My.Scouting accounts. This merger will connect any data under those Member IDs into one record and will give members who complete the merger one Scouting America Member ID. Encourage Scouters to watch their My.Scouting account for more information and for this feature to be released. It is expected in the next couple of weeks.

Scouting Alumni Training

The Scouting Alumni Training Committee has officially released comprehensive updates to its online alumni training curriculum, modernizing the previous modules to reflect current organizational standards, structure, and branding. Encourage volunteers and key stakeholders to complete these refreshed, on-demand modules in the My.Scouting Learning Center (keyword “Alumni”). These count toward fulfilling the requirements for the Scouting Alumni Award. A flyer with more information is attached to this newsletter.

Safeguarding Youth Symposium

Scout executives, council safeguarding officer, staff members who support incident management and other safeguarding responsibilities, and key volunteers with an interest in safeguarding are encouraged to attend the Safeguarding Symposium in Atlanta on *October 7* and the Atlanta Area Council follow up on *October 8*. The symposium will provide timely insights into emerging safeguarding threats, evolving risks, and leading practices from across Scouting and other youth-serving organizations. Attendees will leave better equipped to recognize, prevent, and respond to safeguarding challenges within their councils. Please share [this link](#) for more information and to register.

2027 National Outdoor Conference

Make plans to join us in the heart of the rugged Southwest at Philmont for the 2027 National Outdoor Conference. Whether you are looking to level up your skills, get inspired by top speakers, or simply connect with like-minded adventurers, this biennial event is the place to be. *September 15-19, 2027*, at the Philmont Scout Ranch.

Commissioner Newsletter

The *August 17* edition of the Commissioner Newsletter is available [here](#).

You Have Leads!

Most Families Find a Unit with BeAScout.org

New Member Coordinator

Do Your New Cub Families Know When and Where to Meet?

New Scouting America Ambassador: Josh Hart

National Membership Engagement Committee

Follow Us On Social Media

Ask a Commissioner

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

Silver Buffalo Nominations – August 31 deadline - [here](#) and [here](#) for more information

2026 National Properties Conference – *September 25-26* - [here](#)

Cub Scout New Retention Resource - [here](#)

Raise More Do More Fundraising Summits - *September 9* in Buffalo, New York ([here](#)) and *October 9* in Austin, Texas ([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

Cub Scout 4-Month Plan Workshops – Register in advance for these workshops.

- **Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 pm Central: [here](#)**
- *Tuesday, September 15 at noon Central: [here](#)*
- *Tuesday, September 29 at 6:00 pm Central: [here](#)*

Monthly Finance and Fund Development Webinar – *Third Wednesday at 2:00 pm Central* - See recordings [here](#)

Monthly Membership Rally - Future Rallies, **August 20**, *September 17, 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.

September 10 – Camp Budget Management How To

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

Alumni Webinars - Read more [here](#)

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

Newsletters/Blogs/Podcasts

Scouting Safety - [here](#)

On Scouting - [here](#)

Marketing – Subscribe [here](#)

Aquatics - [here](#)

Scouting in the Boardroom - [here](#)

Commissioner - [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](#)

National Camping Schools - [here](#)

Scouting Forums - [here](#)

Order of the Arrow - [here](#)

Commissioners - [here](#)

Program Updates - [here](#)

Summer Camp Staff Jobs - [here](#)

Awards Central - [here](#)

Marketing and Recruitment Resources - [here](#)

Scouting Newsroom - [here](#)

Scouting Emergency Assistance Fund - [here](#)

Brand Center - [here](#)

America250 Visual Identity Guidelines - [here](#)

America250 Generic and Local Council Logos - [here](#)



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UPDATED SCOUTING ALUMNI TRAINING MODULES

The Scouting Alumni online learning experience has been refreshed to align with current Scouting America branding, terminology, and resources.

Effective immediately, all six Scouting Alumni online training modules are available in the Scouting U learning plan.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE UPDATE



UPDATED ORGANIZATIONAL BRANDING

References to BSA and Boy Scouts of America have been systematically updated to Scouting America throughout all modules.



UPDATED PROGRAM TERMINOLOGY

References to SAF, BSA Alumni Association (BSAAA), and BSA Alumni have been unified and updated to Scouting Alumni.



STREAMLINED COMMUNITY STRUCTURE

Scouting Affinity Groups and Affiliate Groups have been consolidated under the new Scouting Alumni Communities structure.



MODERNIZED CONTENT & VISUALS

Obsolete terminology, system references, and outdated screenshots have been replaced with current, responsive platform views.



CURRENT BRAND STANDARDS

Graphics, imagery, and visual assets are refreshed to modern standards. Scouting Alumni resources, awards, and nomination details are fully updated.



UPDATED RESOURCE LINKS

All website links have been verified and updated. Legacy references to the former Alumni Database (SPARK) have been removed.

RECOGNITION & LEARNING CREDIT



Completion of these updated modules continues to satisfy the official training requirements associated with the Scouting Alumni Award

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