

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.***

Merge Member ID

Merging Member IDs is now live in My.Scouting. A Scouter will be able to merge their member IDs that have been created across different councils (or the same council in some cases) or the National Council. They can now merge these down to one single, surviving member ID that will follow them across their Scouting America registrations. This process will also merge training records. To start this process, a user will need to navigate to "Manage Member ID" in My.Scouting. Be patient, the merger is an overnight process. A job aid with frequently asked questions is available [here](#).

Registration for 2027 OA High Adventure

Order of the Arrow High Adventure provides the opportunity to experience incredible adventures at our High Adventure bases while building a deep bond with Arrowmen from across the country through cheerful service. For more detailed information about each of the 2027 Order of the Arrow High Adventure programs, visit [here](#).

Philmont 2028 Registration

Philmont Scout Ranch's Backpacking Trek Programs continue to be one of the strongest tools in retaining older youth and providing a flagship experience for units. On *October 1*, registration opens for Philmont 2028 treks. Visit [here](#) for more information and join Philmont as they celebrate the launch of the 2028 trek registration with an all-day livestream on *October 1 starting at 8:30 am Mountain*. Throughout the day, they will feature different segments for council leadership, unit leaders, Parents, and Scouts. Join the event [here](#).

New Tools for Peer-to-Peer Recruitment

New Cub Scout and Scouts BSA peer-to-peer recruitment cards and bookmarks are available to help Scouts invite their friends to join the adventure. Encourage Scouts to share these resources with classmates, neighbors, and other prospective members to help spread the word about Scouting in your community. Download them from the Brand Center [here](#) and distribute them widely!

Alumnus of the Year Awards

The Alumnus of the Year Award is Scouting Alumni's highest recognition. This award was established to recognize alumni of Scouting America who, over a sustained period, have used the skills and values they learned through their association with Scouting to make significant and long-lasting contributions to the Scouting alumni movement, to Scouting in general and their communities. Learn more [here](#).

Outdoor Ethics and Conservation Roundtable

Each month, *on the second Wednesday at 7:00 pm Central*, the Outdoor Ethics and Conservation subcommittee hosts an Outdoor Ethics and Conservation roundtable for Scouters across the country. They are kicking off with our first roundtable on **Wednesday, September 9**. Information about upcoming roundtable topics and how to join them, as well as recordings of past roundtables back from our beginning in 2020, are posted [here](#). Contact the roundtable team [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

Technology Update Webinar Recordings - [here](#)

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

The Camp Collaborative at Philmont - *September 27 - October 2* - information and register [here](#)

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

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

Hispanic Recruiting Kit - [here](#)

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

Reminder: The two-month registration lapse period will end on *December 31, 2026*.

Impact 365 - [here](#)

GivingTuesday Council Toolkit - [here](#)

National Virtual Sea Scout Academy - Learn more [here](#) and learn more and register [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

DATE CHANGE: 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](#).

Cub Scouting 4-Month Plan Workshops - Register in advance for these added workshops.

- **Thursday, September 10 at 11:00 am Central** - Register [here](#)
- *Monday, September 21 at 7:00 pm Central* – Register [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, *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

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](#)

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](#)

