

# Council Service Territory Volunteer Leadership Newsletter



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## **Week of September 22, 2025**

*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.***

### **Membership Renewal Job Aids**

You can find links to these updated (August) position-specific job aids on the landing page of My.Scouting after logging-in. More information and job aids related to online registration may be found [here](#).

- Council processing a unit
- Council processing an individual
- Unit processing member
- Unit processing a unit
- Individual processing renewal
- Parent renewing a youth

### **How Faith-Based Support is Helping Scouting America Stabilize**

If you have not seen it, a recent Associated Press article thoughtfully explores the enduring relationship between Scouting and faith-based communities. It's a powerful reminder of how deeply spiritual growth, character development, and community service are woven into the fabric of Scouting America. Find the article [here](#).

### **Scouting Alumni Service Commemoration**

Scouting Alumni has developed commemorative medallions, certificates, and lapel pins which will be available soon to celebrate the years of service provided by Scouting alumni. Read more [here](#).

### **Training Times**

Here are the articles in the Summer/Fall Scouting University Training Times. Find it [here](#).

- Trained to Make a Difference: A New Scouting U Initiative
- Scouting America Receives \$30 million Grant
- Updates and New Names for Trainer Development Courses
- New Quality Council Recognition Include Direct Contact Leader Training Metrics
- 2025 NYLT Leadership Symposium Returns
- Safeguarding Youth: A Stronger Commitment to Protection
- Scouting U Week at Philmont: A Celebration of Learning and Leadership
- 2025 Scouting U National Volunteer Training Conference Recap
- Welcome New National Wood Badge Coordinator
- Welcome New Territory Training Coordinators

## **Safeguarding Youth Parents' Guide Video**

As Scouting America continues to invest in prevention efforts, we have recently introduced this Parents' Guide video, which will also be sent directly to the parents of new members. With this new asset, we aim to share key aspects of our Safeguarding approach with new parents while encouraging them to take the full Safeguarding Youth Training and join the journey with their child. This video doesn't replace the written Parent Guides but instead acknowledges that people absorb information in different formats. Please watch it [here](#), share it with your parents and volunteers, and encourage them to share it with their own networks.

## **Alumni Newsletter**

Here are the articles in the September Scouting Alumni Newsletter. Find it [here](#) and subscribe [here](#).

- Staff Needed for 2026 Jamboree
- TIME Names Eagle Scout 2025 Kid of the Year
- From Eagle Scout to Navy Hero
- Once a Scout, Always a Scout
- Scout's Training Saves a Life at Philmont Scout Ranch
- The Merit Badge That Changed My Life
- Scouting Alumni Store

## **Handbook Translations**

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 in development now and will be available soon. Traditional- and Simplified-Mandarin Translations are coming in November 2025.

- Lion Handbook
- Tiger Handbook
- Wolf Handbook
- Bear Handbook
- Webelos Handbook
- Arrow of Light
- Scouts BSA Handbook – Girls
- Scouts BSA Handbook – Boys

## **2025 "Camping Attendance Report" and 2026 Intent to Operate Submissions Deadlines**

It is time to submit council 2025 camping attendance information and 2026 National Camp Accreditation Program Intent to Operate for long-term camp(s) and all camp property(s) that a council operates. All councils, no matter if they operate a long-term camp or not, must complete the camping attendance information request form portion of the submission form. More information may be found [here](#).

## **Safety Newsletter**

"Be Prepared" isn't just a motto—it's how we keep Scouts safe, confident, and ready for adventure! From hiking rugged trails to camping under the stars, even minor injuries like scrapes, blisters, or insect bites can slow down the fun. That's why first aid kits are your secret weapon for keeping Scouts safe, happy, and ready for anything. Read more [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.

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## Reminders from Previous Newsletters

Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet - *October 17-19, 2025* - [here](#) (August 25 issue)  
Fall Recruitment Media Campaign and Assets - [here](#) (July 21 issue)  
2026 Silver Antelope Nominations – *November 30* - [here](#) (September 15 issue)  
National Cub Scout Program Update Conference – *December 12-15* – register [here](#) (July 28 issue)  
2026 National Annual Meeting - *May 10–16, 2026* – Dallas (August 18 issue)  
2027 World Scout Jamboree - [here](#)

## Program Livestreams

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

Monthly Membership Rally – *September 25* – Register [here](#)  
Outdoor Programs Lessons Learned Webinar - *September 25* - [here](#)  
Raise More, Do More Fundraising Summit - *September 29* - [here](#)  
Office of Development Bi-Monthly Gift Planning Webinar – *October 3* - [here](#)  
National Eagle Scout Association Awards - *October 12* – Register [here](#)  
Scouts BSA Advancement – *First Wednesday of each month* - Register [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](#)  
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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