

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.***

October Membership Mixer

Our speaker for this month is Director of Research and Strategy for Scouting America Pat Wellen, who will discuss "Takeaways from Recent Membership Research". The Membership Mixer, on *October 19 at 7:00 PM Central*, is intended for volunteers and professionals with an interest in growing Scouting in their districts, councils, and service territories. Advance registration is required [here](#).

Exploring New Unit Organization Trainings for Professionals and Membership Volunteers

As part of Exploring Explosion 3.0, national coordinated trainings led by the national director of Exploring and the national Exploring committee will assist in the following:

- Teaching the 4 Phases of organizing a new Exploring club or post. Participants will learn the "A to Z" of Exploring.
- Sharing the most valuable resources to help both professionals and volunteers become more confident in growing Exploring.
- Connecting professionals and volunteers across the country to share best practices while becoming more effective in growing Exploring within their geographic areas. This includes learning from the people who have been the most successful.
- Offering cool and crazy incentives throughout the campaign.

Click [here](#) to sign up for the trainings. If you have any questions, please email us at exploring@lflmail.org or visit www.exploringexplosion.org.

Commissioner Newsletter

The *September 29* Commissioner Newsletter is available [here](#).

- Developing Post Programming - September 30
- Advancement Myths – BUSTED! Webinar – October 1
- Fall Impact Session – October 18
- BeAScout.org Notifications
- Commissioner Training Updates
- New Merit Badge Resources Are Here!
- Messenger of Peace Program Updated
- Do You Know Your Knots?
- Follow Our Social Media Platforms
- Your National Commissioner Service Team Serves You
- Ask A Commissioner

System Changes Made to Frequency of Email Notifications for Leads and Pending Applications

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance responsiveness to membership open leads and pending applications in the system, we've increased the frequency of email notifications to the unit Key 3 from twice a week to three times a week—for both leads and pending applications. Leads notification emails will be sent on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Pending Application notification emails will be sent on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Timely follow-up on submitted questions and applications is a basic expectation for customers across platforms and industries. By increasing the frequency of these notifications, we're helping unit Key 3 stay informed and act more quickly—leading to faster response times and, ultimately, welcoming more families into Scouting.

Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity Merit Badges

The Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Cybersecurity merit badges will both be available for youth to begin earning on **Monday, September 29**. Scouts can begin working on the requirements for both badges immediately, with resources and a list of approved counselors available through their local councils.

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

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 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

Office of Development Bi-Monthly Gift Planning Webinar – October 3 - [here](#)
Alumni Webinars - 3:30 PM Pacific – Read more [here](#)
 National Eagle Scout Association Awards - *October 12* – Register [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*
Membership Mixer – *October 19* – 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](#)
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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