

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.***

Scouting America Public Youth-Focused Social Media Advisory

[This advisory](#) is intended to promote awareness and preparedness, not alarm. It describes an observed offender methodology identified through law-enforcement intelligence and provides practical steps for Scout units, councils, camps, volunteers, families, and young people to help reduce risk and respond appropriately if concerns arise. The objective is not to discourage the sharing of Scouting experiences, but to help leaders make informed decisions that support both youth engagement and youth safety.

National Membership Mixer

How do we retain Scouts who have recently joined? How do we recruit still more Scouts this fall? One answer is: “Focus on FUN!” Join the **October 18** National Membership Mixer at 8:00 pm Eastern to learn more and to share your ideas about Scouting fun this fall. Register for the October Mixer [here](#).

National Duty to God Award

The nomination period for Scouting America’s prestigious National Duty to God Award is open. Do you know an active adult member or distinguished non-member who has dedicated 10 or more years to youth, Scouting, and their faith tradition with national or international impact? Nominations are accepted through *February 28, 2027*. Help us honor those who live out the principle that a Scout is reverent. Find the nomination form [here](#) and the list of previous recipients [here](#).

New-Troop Start-Up Incentive Program

Through a partnership with Bass Pro Shops and Cabela’s Outdoor Fund, the first 90 qualifying new Scouts BSA troops registered after *March 19, 2026*, will receive a \$1,000 Bass Pro Shops and Cabela’s gift card to help build a successful outdoor program from the very beginning. See your Scout executive for details.

Call for Presenters: 2027 National Outdoor Conference at Philmont

The National Outdoor Conference brings together council professionals and volunteers from across the country to share best practices, new ideas, and lessons learned in outdoor and camping programs. We would love for you to bring your expertise to the Philmont Training Center for the 2027 conference, *September 15-19*. Find full details on the National Outdoor Conference website [here](#). Submit your proposal by *January 31*.

ScoutConnect Launches Membership Renewal Feature, Online Applications Hit Record Highs

ScoutConnect continues to build with the addition of a new feature. Starting *October 5*, self-service Membership Renewal was officially live and ready for use in early adopter councils. ScoutConnect made further updates in September to expand the BeAScout search radius, which will help more prospective members find nearby units. Along with the expanded search, the site allows parents to invite a second parent or guardian into the registration process. The developments come with great timing as this past month saw online applications set a new single-day record, exceeding the previous high by more than 10 percent. The results are a strong early sign that more youth are finding their way into character-building Scouting programs. Heading into the fall and end of the year, the team continues to analyze and conduct quality assurance on the new features to ensure a seamless and connected experience for Scouts and their families.

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

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

National Day of Service – *November 14* - Read more [here](#)

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

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

Technology Update Webinar Recordings - [here](#)

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

Scouts BSA Membership Corner - [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

Alumni Webinars –

- “Free Money! Applying for College Scholarships, Including NESA Scholarships” *November 15, 5:30pm Central*. Register in advance for the webinar and get more information [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 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](#)

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

Venturing Live – Third Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm Central - *October 21, November 18, December 16*. 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](#)

