

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.***

National Jamboree on Facebook

Follow the 2026 National Jamboree on Facebook [here](#).

Share Your Local Scouts' National Jamboree Story

As your contingent members depart for the 2026 Scouting America National Jamboree, we encourage councils to help celebrate their participation by sharing the local-area press release with their community and media contacts. The National Jamboree is a tremendous opportunity to highlight the impact of Scouting and showcase the outstanding young people representing your council on a national stage.

Scouting America Tech Hub

A resource from the Scouting America National Information Technology Team and Technology Advisory Committee, committed to keeping our Scouting community informed and connected [here](#).

Venturing Training Award and Advisor's Key

The requirements for the Scouter's Training Award for Venturing Leaders and the Advisor's Key have been updated. Find them [here](#).

Resource Stewardship Scout Ranger Program

The Resource Stewardship Scout Ranger program is a partnership between the National Park Service and Scouting America. The program invites all members of Scouting America to participate in educational and/or volunteer service projects at national park sites and related areas within the National Park System. Read more [here](#).

Update on Training Programs

Scouting America recently received the results of two leadership training surveys conducted with den leaders and Scoutmasters/assistant Scoutmasters, providing valuable insight into how current training programs are preparing volunteers for success. The results were overwhelmingly positive. Among den leaders, confidence increased significantly after completing the training, with 80% reporting they were very or extremely confident in their role, compared to 44% before participation. Similarly, Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters reported strong gains in confidence, rising from 71% before training to 84% after training. At the same time, leaders provided thoughtful feedback on ways to make

training even more effective. Common themes included a desire for more practical, scenario-based learning, stronger guidance on working with parents and volunteers, improved use of technology and administrative tools, and more flexible training formats that fit into busy schedules. These survey findings help inform the upcoming training redesign and modernization supported by the Lilly Endowment Grant's Leadership Training & Research initiative. As part of this effort, training modules are being revamped to better equip leaders with relevant, real-world skills while emphasizing character development. Planned enhancements include updated asynchronous learning experiences, integration of modern leadership techniques, improved digital delivery, and continued research to ensure content remains effective and relevant.

Commissioner Newsletter

The *July 20* edition of the Commissioner Newsletter is available [here](#).

Commissioners Connections and Impact Weekend, August 7 – 9

You Have Leads!

2026 National Exploring Live Hour (Monthly)

National Jewish Committee on Scouting is Focused on New Unit Creation

Sign Up Now to Attend a Scoutconnect Webinar

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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

Scoutconnect technology update webinars - [July 20 here](#) and *August 13 at 7:00pm Central* - [here](#)

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

Promotion Materials for Military Family National Fee Waiver - [here](#)

New Eagle Scout Study - [here](#)

ScoutConnect Platform Preview - [here](#)

Fall Recruitment Local Council Marketing Playbook - [here](#)

2026 National Properties Conference – *September 25-26* - [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

2026 National Fall Membership Recruitment Kick-Offs

[Scouts BSA - Wednesday, July 22 at 7:00 pm Central - here](#)

Scoutconnect technology update webinars - [July 20 here](#) and *August 13* [here](#)

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

Scouts BSA Advancement Demystified Series - Recordings may be found [here](#) and the links to the webinars may be found [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.

Gift Planning Webinar – View the recording of the June webinar [here](#).

Alumni Webinars - Read more [here](#)

Venturing – Third Wednesday of each month at *7:30pm Central*. (No webinar in July) See recordings of program 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

National Jamboree - [here](#)

Youth Safety - [here](#)

Incident Reporting - [here](#)

Health and Safety - [here](#)

Safety Moments - [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](#)

