

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

Follow the 2026 National Jamboree on Facebook [here](#) and see photos on Flickr [here](#).

Cub Scout and Scouts BSA Leader Experience Survey

To better support our unit leaders and merit badge counselors, Scouting America will soon distribute a follow-up survey to a random sample of volunteers across Scouting to gather valuable feedback. Please note that because participants are randomly selected, not every volunteer will receive an invitation to take the survey. The purpose of this survey is to identify specific challenges, understand where administrative burdens exist, and find ways to better support those who deliver the Scouting program every day. To ensure we achieve a successful response rate, please encourage your volunteers to log in to My.Scouting and verify their email address is current and accurate.

New Merit Badges

Competitive Gaming and Wildland Fire Management merit badges are now live as official merit badges. Check them out [here](#).

National Membership Mixer

The August National Membership Mixer, "Onboarding Today's Families," will feature council membership volunteers Anne Shumaker and Eric Sampson, attendees at this summer's Growing Scouting conference at Philmont. They will share what they have been learning about how to welcome today's families and help them develop a strong sense of belonging. Register for the *August 9 (8:00 pm Eastern)* mixer [here](#).

Cub Scout Leader Training Awards Updated

The requirements for the Den Leader's Training Award, the Scouter's Training Award for Cub Scout Leaders, and the Scouter's Key for Cubmasters have been updated. This is a second update which was made last week based on feedback. Find them, and other training awards, [here](#).

Distinguished Eagle Scout Award

The deadline for nominations for the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award is **July 31**. See details [here](#).

Alumni Newsletter

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

- You Never Stop Being a Scout
- "We, Too, Have a Job to Do"
- Alum Presented Medal of Merit for Lifesaving
- Serving Others While Facing Personal Adversity
- Student Turns Concern into a Youth-led Nonprofit
- Scouting America Partners with AB Motorsports

Commissioner Newsletter

The July 27 edition of the Commissioner Newsletter is available [here](#).

- Prepare Now for an Enhanced BeAScout Experience Coming August 3
- Join the Technology Update Webinar, August 13
- Check Out the New Tech Hub to Stay Current with Scouting Technology
- Take Advantage of the Strongest Recruiting Tool
- Encourage Scouts to Invite a Friend to Try Scouting
- Learn Tips for Cub Scout Leaders on How to "Be Prepared"
- Follow Us On Social Media
- Ask a Commissioner

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 webinar - August 13 at 7:00pm Central – join a few minutes before the start [here](#).

Please Remind Unit Leaders to Update Pin Settings Ahead of BeAScout Update August 3

Scouting America Tech Hub - [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

Scoutconnect technology update webinar - 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](#)

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](#)

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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](#)

