

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.***

Remind Unit Leaders To Update BeAScout

On *August 3*, BeAScout will introduce an updated look and feel designed to better support prospective families. The enhanced experience will provide answers to common questions before families contact a unit, including estimated cost to join, unit meeting days and times, and whether the unit charges additional dues. To support these improvements, several new fields have been added to the Unit Pin page in Organization Manager: Fundraising Helps Cover Costs, Trial Visit Encouraged, and Unit Fee. Meeting Schedule, Meeting Frequency, Meeting Day, Start Time, End Time. Beginning **July 9**, unit leaders can begin updating these fields within their Unit Pin settings. Please share this information with your unit leaders and encourage them to complete these updates prior to *August 3*, to ensure their unit details are accurate and fully displayed in the updated BeAScout experience. NOTE: Changes to these fields in Unit Pin settings will not be reflected until *August 3*.

New Safety Moments

Safety Moments for laser tag ([here](#)) and squirt tag and squirt guns ([here](#)) have been posted to the Safety Moments page on Scouting.org. Laser tag is permitted at indoor, commercial laser tag facilities, providing an engaging way for units to practice the patrol method and other small unit techniques. Squirt tag and squirt guns are permitted, but adults supervising these activities need to ensure the playing area is safe, squirt guns used meet our requirements, and only willing participants get squirted.

Training Awards and Key Update

The Cub Scouting Training Awards and Cubmaster's Key have been updated to recognize and support volunteer leaders, with a focus on flexibility, accessibility, and program impact. See more [here](#).

Competitive Gaming Merit Badge

On *July 22*, Scouting America will release a new Competitive Gaming merit badge, introducing Scouts to the rapidly evolving world of competitive gaming. The new badge originated in the Scouts BSA Test Lab and now will officially be available to all Scouts. Visit the Test Lab [here](#). Competitive Gaming is one of two badges being released this month. Scouts and Leaders will also see the release of the new Wildland Fire merit badge at the Jamboree.

Jamboree On The Air/Jamboree On The Internet

The world's largest digital and radio Scout event, promoting friendship and global citizenship, Jamboree On The

Air/Jamboree On The Internet, is set for *October 16-18*. Learn more, and register, [here](#).

Commissioner Newsletter

The *July 6* edition of the Commissioner Newsletter is available [here](#).

Scouting is Better with friends!
New Scoutbook Plus Features
BeAScout.Org
Plan Now for JOTA-JOTI
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

Unit Commissioner Retention Fast Start Webinars - Option 1: *July 7 at 6:00 pm Eastern* [here](#). Option 2: *July 7 at 8:00 pm Eastern* [here](#).

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

Cub Scouting - *Wednesday, July 15 at 7:00 pm Central* - [here](#)

Scouts BSA - *Wednesday, July 22 at 7:00 pm Central* - [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, *July 16, 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](#)

National Jamboree - Register for upcoming and view past webinars [here](#)

Venturing – 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

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](#)

National Jamboree - [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](#)

