

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.***

Help Families Find Scouting This Fall — Refresh Every Unit's BeAScout Pin Today!

One small update, one big impact! Before fall Scouting activities take over the calendar, now is a great time to refresh a unit's BeAScout pin. Here are four things to check:

- Contact info — current phone and email for key contacts
- Meeting location and details — when and where the unit meets
- Website and/or socials — showcase the unit and upcoming events
- Online applications turned "On" — make it easy for youth to join and parents to volunteer

With the vast majority of unit BeAScout pins not having been updated over the last two years, it is worth spending just a few minutes now to ensure accurate, updated information. Encourage every unit to update their BeAScout pin today. Check now before heading out on fall Scouting adventures. It takes just a few minutes, and instructions are [here](#).

National Virtual Sea Scout Academy

Registration is open for the 2026–2027 National Virtual Sea Scout Academy. Sea Scouts and Scouters can join online for advancement information across the Apprentice, Ordinary, Able, and Quartermaster rank tracks, along with information about opportunities in Sea Scouting. Learn more [here](#) and learn more and register [here](#).

Handbooks in Spanish and Mandarin

Key Scouting America handbooks are now available in Spanish and Mandarin, including Traditional and Simplified Mandarin. The books include Cub Scout rank handbooks and the *Scouts BSA Handbook*. Handbooks are available in print on demand versions and/or Amazon Kindle versions. See more [here](#).

Gift Planning October Webinar

You are encouraged to join the National Office of Development's October Gift Planning Webinar on *Thursday, October 1 at Noon Eastern*. This webinar will be focused on Donor Advised Funds- how they work, their benefits, and some key industry updates on how donor advised funds contribute to the nonprofit sector overall. The webinar will be hosted on Zoom [here](#). — See August recording (Will and Estate Planning) recording [here](#).

Scouting Safety Newsletter

View and subscribe to the latest Scouting Safety Newsletter "E is For Equipment" - [here](#).

Cub Scouting 4-Month Plan Workshops

Two additional sessions have been added due to high demand. These are designed to familiarize district executives, commissioners, and other folks who support new leaders with the recently released 4-month plan. This plan pulls together specific (and fun!) activities to support Cub Scout rank advancement with weekly meetings. At its heart, it is designed for small and new packs, with multi-grade dens. Sign up for one of the webinars hosted by our national Cub Scouting committee. The *September 15* and *September 29* sessions are full. Register in advance for these added workshops.

- *Thursday, September 10 at 11:00 am Central* - Register [here](#)
- *Monday, September 21 at 7:00 pm Central* - Register [here](#)

Scouts BSA Membership Lunch and Learn: Recruit, Retain, Thrive

Save the date *Tuesday, September 8th at noon Central*, and join us for an energizing webinar packed with proven recruitment strategies, built just for executive staff and troop leaders. Find more information and registration [here](#).

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

Technology Update Webinar Recordings - [here](#)

2026 National Properties Conference – *September 25-26* - [here](#)

The Camp Collaborative at Philmont - *September 27 - October 2* - information and register [here](#)

Cub Scout New Retention Resource - [here](#)

Hispanic Recruiting Kit - [here](#)

Raise More Do More Fundraising Summits - *September 9* in Buffalo, New York ([here](#)) and *October 9* in Austin, Texas ([here](#)).

Reminder: The two-month registration lapse period will end on *December 31, 2026*.

Impact 365 - [here](#)

Safeguarding Youth Symposium – Use [this link](#) for more information and to register.

GivingTuesday Council Toolkit - [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

DATE CHANGE: National Membership Mixer - “Preparing Units for the New Registration & Renewal Process” - *September 27 at 8:00 pm Eastern* - Register [here](#)

Monthly Finance and Fund Development Webinar – See August recording (Will and Estate Planning) recording [here](#)

Monthly Membership Rally - Future Rallies, *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.

September 10 – Camp Budget Management How To
October 8 – Develop a Staff Alumni Association
October 29 – 7:00 pm Central – What’s new in NCAP for 2027
November 12 – Property Management and Maintenance Best Practices

Alumni Webinars - “Why You Need the Scouting Alumni Guidebook and How to Use It: Unlock the Potential of Your Council’s Greatest Asset: 100 Million Scouting Alumni.” *Sunday, September 27, 5:30pm Central*. Register in advance for the webinar and get more information [here](#).

Venturing Live – Third Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm Central. 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](#)
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](#)
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](#)

