

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.***

Finance and Fund Development Webinar

An important National Council Service Territory Finance and Fund Development Committee webinar for local council finance leadership teams, including council board members, council audit committee members, Scout executives, council chief financial officers, controllers, and accountants, will be on *February 19 at 2:00 pm Central*. This concise series will be providing key volunteers and staff with the essentials of fiscal management for Scouting America councils. Join the webinar [here](#) and please share the link with those who will help your council.

Thanks for Your Continued Efforts to Safeguard Youth

Take a look at this note in Scouting Wire from Scouting America's Director of Environmental Health & Safety Tree Kiester [here](#).

Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation Webinar

Over 200 individuals from local councils participated in the first webinar regarding templates to update local council bylaws and articles of incorporation on *January 26*. The next session will be held on *February 12, at 3:00 pm Central*. The content presented will be fairly identical to the first session, though there may be more examples from the field for this session. Council Key 3 members have received a link to the webinar and templates for the new documents. There are significant changes so council leadership is encouraged to review the templates with their council governance committee, council attorney, and/or board and to attend the webinar. Please feel free to forward the *December 16* email and the zoom link as needed.

National Venturing Officers' Association Webinar

If you missed the *January 21* webinar you can still find out what the National Venturing Officers' Association and the Council Support teams are working on. A recording of the recent "All Things NVOA" program webinar is now available on YouTube [here](#).

Scouts Read Sacred Texts Worldwide

Scouts Read Sacred Texts Worldwide is an event to encourage youth to read their sacred texts in conjunction with the U.S. National Day of Prayer. The event, in 2026 during the week of *May 7*, aligns with the values, principles, and spiritual aims of Scouting. It is intended for Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Advisors, and other adult leaders seeking a simple, respectful way to support a Scout's Duty to God. Read more [here](#).

Inclusion Toolbox for Special Needs and Disabilities

A 2026 version of the *Inclusion Toolbox* has been released. Find the document [here](#).

Impact365: Scouting's New National Service Initiative

Scouting has always believed that service is not just what we do, it is who we are. That legacy continues with Impact365, Scouting America's new multi-year national service initiative designed to inspire Scouts, families, and volunteers to make meaningful contributions to their communities every day of the year. To learn more about Impact365, and a new National Day of Service coming in *November*, click [here](#) to read more. See a recording of the Impact:365 webinar [here](#).

Commissioner Newsletter

The *February 2* Commissioner Newsletter is available [here](#).

- Scouts BSA Webinar – February 4
- National Membership Mixer – February 15
- Commemorative Eagle Scout Certificate
- The Application Window to Sail the Eagle is Now Open
- Scouting is For All
- Environmental Health & Safety Shares Aims for 2026
- Make Plans to Attend a Commissioner College
- Reminder: Commissioner Newsletter eBlast Survey
- Reminder: Commissioner Week at Philmont Training Center, June 7 – 13
- Follow Us on Facebook or Instagram
- Prior Editions of the Commissioner Newsletter
- How Can We Help You?
- 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

February Scouts BSA Advancement Webinar "Working Advancement into Troop Meetings" - *February 4 at 7:00 pm Central*. Register [here](#).

Scout Sunday Template - [here](#)

America250 Generic and Local Council Logos - [here](#)

2026 Scouting U National Volunteer Training Conference – *March 26-28* – Nashville - [here](#)

2026 National Annual Meeting – Week of *May 10–16* – Dallas

2026 Philmont Training Center Conferences - [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](#)

Webinars

Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation Webinar - *February 12 at 3:00 pm Central* – See your Key 3 for the link
February Membership Mixer - *February 15 at 7:00 pm Central* – Register [here](#)

Alumni Webinars - 3:30 PM Pacific – Read more [here](#)

Earning Your Scouting Alumni Award - *February 15* – Register [here](#)

Planning & Conducting National Eagle Scout Association & Other Council Events – *March 1*

Scouting America Alumni Awards and Recognitions – *April 19*

How to Create an Eagle Scout Mentoring Program – *June 7*

Outdoor Program and Properties

Non-Scout Use of Your Camp – HOW TO – *February 19 at 2:00 pm Central* – [here](#)

2026 Pre-Camp Leadership Meeting – *April 16 at 2:00 pm Central* – [here](#)

MESH at Camp (Mental, Emotional, Social Health) – *March 19 at 7:00 pm Central* – [here](#)

Key-3 to Key-3 Webinar - *February 23 at 1:00 pm Central*

Scouts BSA Membership Webinars

“Empowering the Patrol Leaders Council and Youth Leadership in Membership Growth” - *March 8 at 4:30 pm Pacific*. Register [here](#)

Scouts BSA Advancement – *First Wednesday of each month* - Recordings may be found [here](#)

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

Gift Planning Webinar – See recordings [here](#)

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

Newsletters/Blogs/Podcasts

Scouting Safety - [here](#)

Aaron on Scouting - [here](#)

Marketing – Subscribe [here](#)

Scouting in the Boardroom - [here](#)

Commissioner Newsletter - [here](#)

Trail To Adventure - [here](#)

Scouting Alumni - [here](#)

Training Times - [here](#)

Abilities Digest - [here](#)

Scouting Wire - [here](#)

Important Links

Youth Safety - [here](#)

Health and Safety - [here](#)

Safety Moments - [here](#)

Scouting America Brand Guidelines and Materials - [here](#)

Language of Scouting - [here](#)

Merit Badges - [here](#)

Online Registration Information - [here](#)

Scouting America Membership Standards - [here](#)

National Council Videos - [here](#)

High Adventure Bases - [here](#)

National Jamboree - [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](#)

Training Resources - [here](#)

Marketing and Recruitment Resources - [here](#)

Scouting Newsroom - [here](#)

Scouting Emergency Assistance Fund - [here](#)

Brand Center - [here](#)

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