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**.

2025 National Annual Meeting Presentations

If you had an opportunity to attend the 2025 National Annual Meeting and want to review key moments, or if you weren't able to attend but want to get a glimpse of the experience, you can now check out the presentations from the General Session and five Roadmap Sessions. In these presentations, you will hear from key members of Scouting America leadership as they discuss major initiatives, address the current state of the movement, and share powerful details about the future of Scouting. Visit here to see the presentations.

Reports in Council Membership Tools

The "Volunteer Training Report," "Membership Forecast Report," and "District Totals Report" are now available in My.Scouting>Council Membership Tools>Reports. If you have not visited this tool recently you will find several other valuable reports there.

Scouting Safety Newsletter

The latest Scouting Safety Newsletter has been emailed to subscribers. You can subscribe to this, and other Scouting Wire newsletters, by clicking on "Stay Connected" at the bottom of this page. This newsletter includes:

Recognizing and Mitigating Hazard Trees

SAFE Checklist

Hazard Tree Safety Moment

Campsite Safety and Hazard Trees Trail to Adventure Blog

Guide to Safe Scouting Camping

Renewal Resources Available Online

Current renewal resources, including job aids and videos, can be found in the "Job Aids" section of the Unit and Membership Renewal page here. Other resources, such as webinar recordings, presentations, and infographics, can be found in the "Additional Resources" section of the same page.

Individual Processing their Renewal

Parent Renewing a Youth

Unit Processing Member Renewals

Unit Renewal

Council Processing a Unit Renewal

Council Processing an Individual Renewal

Details on Updated Standards for Ride-Alongs

Learning for Life, Exploring, and Scouting America are updating the standard regarding Ride-Alongs for all programs, including but not limited to Law Enforcement Exploring. When youth under 18 years of age participate in Ride-Alongs, all parties involved must adhere to all current Safeguarding Youth policies and guidelines (formerly known as Youth Protection) for all participants. This includes ensuring that at least two registered adult leaders, each 21 years of age or older and trained in Safeguarding Youth or Youth Protection, are present for the Ride-Along. If the Ride-Along includes a female youth participant, at least one of the registered adult leaders participating in the Ride-Along must also be female. This standard is mandatory and takes effect on *June 30, 2025*; however, it should be implemented as soon as possible.

2026 National Jamboree Staff Duffel Bags

If you are a Jamboree staff member and have a question about staff duffel bags for the 2026 National Jamboree, please to visit here and click on the "Notify Me" button to submit your contact information. The Scouting America Outfitters team will be in contact with you once the bags arrive to process the order and charge your credit card. Bags are expected to begin shipping from our National Distribution Center in *April 2026*.

Back Issues of the Volunteer Leadership Newsletter

We have created a repository of the most recent back issues of the *Newsletter*. Find them <u>here</u>. Be sure to check them out if you are new to this newsletter and to review earlier issues.

Reminders from Previous Newsletters

Distinguished Eagle Scout Award – *July 31* deadline - <u>here</u>
2025 National Outdoor Conference - *September 17-21*- <u>here</u>
National Scout Jamboree – Scholarship Program - <u>here</u>
2026 National Annual Meeting – Week of *May 10-16, 2026*, Dallas, Texas

Program Livecasts

Cub Chat Live (every Friday at 2 pm CT) - Facebook and YouTube
Troop Talk Live (second Wednesday of each month at 2 pm CT) - Facebook and YouTube
Leading our Adventures (every other Friday at 5pm CT) - Facebook and YouTube
Trek on Tuesday (Tuesdays at Noon PT) - Facebook and YouTube
National Exploring Live Hour (Monthly) - Dates and information here

Webinars

National Membership Mixer - June 22nd at 5:00 pm Pacific - here

National Jamboree - Register for upcoming and view past webinars here

2025 National Fall Cub Scouts Membership Recruitment Kick-Off - *Thursday, July 31, 2025, 8:00 pm Eastern* - here 2025 National Fall Scouts BSA Membership Recruitment Kick-Off - *Thursday, August 7, 2025, 8:00 pm Eastern* - here

Newsletters/Blogs/Podcasts

Scouting Safety - here
Aaron on Scouting - here
Scouting in the Boardroom - here
Commissioner Newsletter - here
Marketing - Subscribe here
Trail To Adventure - here
Scouting Alumni - here

Training Times - <u>here</u>
Abilities Digest - <u>here</u>
Scouting Wire - <u>here</u>

Important Links

Youth Safety - <u>here</u> Health and Safety - <u>here</u> Safety Moments - <u>here</u>

Scouting America Brand Guidelines and Materials - here

Executive Communications - here

Language of Scouting - here

Philmont Training Center 75th Anniversary Conferences - <u>here</u>

National Council Videos - <u>here</u>

High Adventure Bases - <u>here</u>

National Jamboree - $\underline{\text{here}}$

Council Support - here

National Camp Accreditation Program 2025 Standards - here

Scouting Forums - <u>here</u>

Order of the Arrow - <u>here</u>

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

