

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.***

Alumni and National Eagle Scout Association Awards

Deadlines are coming up for many of the Alumni and National Eagle Scout Association awards and recognitions. For some of the awards you need to use your council's quota by the end of the year or you will lose your opportunity to recognize your very special volunteers. We do not need to tell you this is a busy time of the year so do not wait until near the deadline to prepare and submit a nomination. Click on the links for additional information.

Council Alumnus of the Year – December 31 - [here](#)

Territory Alumnus of the Year – December 31 – [here](#)

National Alumnus of the Year – December 31 – [here](#)

Distinguished and Outstanding Council Alumni Committee Awards – December 31 – [here](#)

Council Distinguished Alumnus Award - [here](#)

National Eagle Scout Association Distinguished Service Award – October 31 - [here](#)

National Eagle Scout Association Outstanding Eagle Scout Award – Council quota must be used by December 31 – [here](#)

National Eagle Scout Association Silver Wreath Award – Council quota must be used by December 31 – [here](#)

National Eagle Scout Association Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award – February 28 - [here](#)

National Eagle Scout Association Scholarships - The application portal opens December 1, 2025, and closes January 31, 2026 - [here](#)

New Professional Training Pathway

Starting in 2026, Scouting U is rolling out three new basic training pathways for council professional staff. Whether team members are headed into field, development, or program roles, they will now receive specialized entry-level training tailored to their career path. See [this document](#) about training pathways and ask your Scout executive or territory director for more information.

Scouting America Vimeo

Just a reminder to bookmark and visit the Scouting America Vimeo page [here](#).

Winter Treks at Northern Tier

Winter 2026-2027 Okpik treks and activity registration is now open. Find out more [here](#) and register [here](#).

2027 Philmont Treks

Registration is now open for 2027 treks. Find out more [here](#) and register [here](#).

Updates to Position-Specific Training Instructor Syllabi

In alignment with the removal of Journey to Excellence from the Position Trained Learning Plans, Scouting U has announced updates to the following instructor syllabi:

Cub Scout Position-Specific Training Instructor Syllabus [here](#)

Scouts BSA Position-Specific Training Instructor Syllabus [here](#)

Position “Trained” Requirements

The document listing volunteer position requirements to be considered “trained” has been updated. See the October 2025 listings [here](#).

Chief Safeguarding Officer Shared Knowledge During Safeguarding In Sport Webinar

As Scouting America continues to strive to Be A Leader in Safeguarding Youth, Chief Safeguarding Officer Glen Pounder recently took part in a webinar discussing Safeguarding in Sport, providing perspective and insight on this vital topic. Register to view the webinar [here](#).

Scouting America David Montgomery Collaboration Local Council Do’s and Don’ts

Scouting America is proud to collaborate with Eagle Scout and professional football player David Montgomery. As part of that collaboration, there are some legal guardrails that exist concerning how our organization can discuss this relationship in our content. Ask your Scout executive about the Do’s and Don’ts for how local councils can acknowledge and promote this collaboration.

Jamboree Annual Health & Medical Record Submission Open

Starting *October 1st*, all participants, leaders, and staff are able to log in [here](#) to complete their Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR) using CampDoc. Key Deadline: *April 21, 2026*

Scout Shops Providing Free, Halloween-Themed Bookmarks to Encourage Recruiting This October

During the Month of October, Scouting America Outfitters will be supporting a nationwide initiative in all Scout Shops to encourage volunteers to stop by their local Scout Shop to pick up free Halloween-themed bookmarks to hand out to trick-or-treaters. These fun giveaways help spread the word about Scouting and support membership growth. Bookmarks will ship direct from the vendor to all store locations to expedite delivery. The bookmark pickup window is *October 7th – October 31st* in all participating Scout Shops.

Virtual Tour of the National Scouting Museum

Join us on **Wednesday, October 8th**, for a live Virtual Tour of the National Scouting Museum. There will be two sessions provided. The East Tour for Scouts in the Eastern and Central Time Zones and the West Tour for Scouts in the Mountain and Pacific Time Zones. The East Tour will start at 5:00 pm Mountain (6:00 Central, 7:00 Eastern) and the West Tour will start at 7:00 pm Mountain (7:00 Mountain, 6:00 Pacific). Tours will be delivered via Zoom to allow for interaction between the guide and participants for Q&As. Register for East [here](#) and West [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

Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet - *October 17-19, 2025* - [here](#)
Fall Recruitment Media Campaign and Assets - [here](#)
2026 Silver Antelope Nominations – *November 30* - [here](#)
National Cub Scout Program Update Conference – *December 12-15* – register [here](#)
2026 National Annual Meeting - *May 10–16, 2026* – Dallas
2027 World Scout Jamboree - [here](#)
Exploring New Unit Organization Trainings - [here](#)

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

Alumni Webinars - 3:30 PM Pacific – Read more [here](#)
National Eagle Scout Association Awards - *October 12* – Register [here](#)
Applying for College Scholarships, Including National Eagle Scout Association Scholarships - *November 9*
Encouraging Your Older Scouts to Stay in the Scouting Program - *December 7*
A Discussion with the National Eagle Scout Association President - *January 11*
Earning Your Scouting Alumni Award - *February 8*
Membership Mixer – *October 19* – Register [here](#)
Scouts BSA Advancement – *First Wednesday of each month* - Register [here](#) (Recording may be found [here](#))
Monthly Fundraising Webinar – *Third Wednesday* at 2:00 PM Central - [here](#) and see recordings [here](#)
National Jamboree - Register for upcoming and view past webinars [here](#)
2025 National Fall Membership Recruitment Kick-Off recording - [here](#) for Cub Scouting and [here](#) for Scouts BSA

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 - [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](#)
2025 National Annual Meeting Presentations - [here](#)
Language of Scouting - [here](#)
Merit Badges - [here](#)
Online Registration Information - [here](#)

National Council Videos - [here](#)
High Adventure Bases - [here](#)
National Jamboree - [here](#)
Council Support - [here](#)
National Eagle Scout Association - [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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