

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.***

Clarification on the Eagle Scout Rank Application

The Scouts BSA committee has shared an update in response to questions about the parent or guardian contact information section recently added to the updated Eagle Scout Rank Application. Please read the clarification [here](#).

Cub Chat Live – New Initiatives and Programs

See and hear from Ryan Moon, Director of New Programs, as he shares some of Scouting America's new programs and initiatives for all ages in the works – Catalyst, Drone Exploring, Adventure Clubs, Chipmunks, and more. Watch the recording of the *March 20* Cub Chat Live [here](#).

Gift Planning Webinar

Join the Office of Development's upcoming bi-monthly gift planning webinar, taking place *Thursday, April 2, at 12:00 pm Eastern* via Zoom. They will discuss the One Big Beautiful Bill Act charitable giving impacts and gift planning success stories from fellow councils. Join the webinar [here](#).

Fall Marketing Webinar

Join us for an energizing national marketing webinar designed to help councils gear up for a powerful fall recruitment season. We will walk through the media plan, priority tactics, and ready-to-use messaging that will drive families to join Scouting this fall. From digital strategy and creative assets to local amplification ideas and timelines, this fast-paced session will equip you with the insights and tools needed to grow membership and elevate your campaign impact. Council Scout Executive/Staff Session - *April 16 at Noon Central* and Council Volunteer Session - *April 16 at 7:00 pm Central*. Similar information will be covered in both sessions. Register [here](#).

April Membership Rally

The next Membership Rally, scheduled for *April 16 at 11:00 am Pacific*, will be a Special Edition focused on Superintendent Cultivation. Special guests are Bill Barnes, Superintendent of the Howard County Public School System in Ellicott City, Maryland and Kenn Miller, Scout Executive of the Baltimore Area Council. Register [here](#). Future rallies will be held *May (in-person at the National Annual Meeting), June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, and November 12.*

National Sea Scout Roundtable

This Zoom session will introduce the new relationship with NauticEd, a worldwide leader in modern boating education. Learn how to bring NauticEd tools into your ship, streamline record keeping with a time-saving log, and apply best practices to strengthen your program. In addition, representatives from the American Canoe Association will share new resources and opportunities available to support paddle sports. **March 26 at 8:00 pm Central.** Register [here](#).

Read Sacred Texts Event

Scouting America announced its continued support of Scouts Read Sacred Texts, a nationwide and worldwide event encouraging Scouts and their families to set aside time for reflective reading in conjunction with the 2026 National Day of Prayer, observed on *May 7, 2026*. Learn more [here](#).

Alumni Newsletter

Here are the articles in the March *Scouting Alumni Newsletter*. Find it [here](#) and subscribe [here](#).

- Staff Spots Remain for This Summer's National Jamboree
- Eagle Scout Looks Out for Her Community and Peers
- Scouting Alumni Welcome Each Other Back to the Campfire
- More Than 500 Scouts Help Communities Dig Out From Blizzard
- Eagle Scout and Veteran Receives Medal of Honor
- Scouting Alum Inducted into Georgia Sports Hall of Fame

Merit Badges

Ever wonder which merit badges are earned the most? Well [here](#) is the list for 2025 (and 2024).

National Annual Meeting

We strongly encourage you to attend the Scouting America National Annual Meeting (*May 11-15*) in Dallas. This valuable meeting and be "in the room, at the table, and face-to-face" with other leaders of Scouting America to share, learn, give input, and build important relationships to help youth, your council(s), and you in your Scouting role – and to recognize fellow Scouters receiving National-level awards. Register, make hotel reservations, see the schedule, and get other information [here](#). **Registration closes March 31.**

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

2026 National Annual Meeting – *May 11–15* – Dallas - [here](#) (**Registration closes March 31**)
Exploring Training and Live Hour - [here](#)
Philmont Training Center Summer Start Up Volunteer Crew - *May 16-20*. Learn more [here](#) and register [here](#)
2026 Silver Buffalo and Silver Antelope Recipients - [here](#)
2026 National Jamboree Day Visitor Tickets - [here](#)
Jamboree Utility Terrain (Task) Vehicle Training Request – Email [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 (second Wednesday at 1:00 pm Central – Schedule and registration [here](#))

Webinars

Outdoor Program and Properties

Mental, Emotional, Social Health at Camp – *April 16 at 2:00 pm Central* – [here](#)

Marketing Webinar - Fall Marketing Plans - Council Scout executive/Staff Session - *April 16 at Noon Central* and Council

Volunteer Session - *April 16 at 7:00 pm Central* - Register [here](#)

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

Scouting America Alumni Awards and Recognitions – *April 19* - Register [here](#)

How to Create an Eagle Scout Mentoring Program – *June 7* - Register [here](#)

Scouts BSA Advancement Demystified Series – *8:00 pm Eastern* - Recordings may be found [here](#) and the links to the webinars may be found [here](#)

Special Needs – Accommodations, Modifications, Registration Beyond the Age of Eligibility, and More - *Wednesday, April 22*

Merit Badge Counseling - Moving from Good to Great - *Wednesday, May 5*

Webinar Series for Unit Commissioners Serving Explorer Posts - *April 23 at 8:00 pm Eastern*. Register [here](#)

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

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

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

Monthly Membership Rally - *April 16 at 1:00 Central* – Register [here](#). Future Rallies *May (in-person at the National Annual Meeting), June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, and November 12.*

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](#)

Training Resources - [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](#)

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](#)

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