

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.***

Distinguished Eagle Scout Award

Each year the National Eagle Scout Association welcomes nominations for that year's class of Distinguished Eagle Scout Awards. Established in 1969, the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award is the highest honor they bestow upon Eagle Scouts. The nomination window opened *April 1* and closes precisely at midnight on *July 31*. However, many people are unsure of who qualifies for this prestigious honor or may feel intimidated by the nomination process. To help, the National Eagle Scout Association put together a brief guide for those looking to nominate a deserving Eagle Scout [here](#).

National Exploring Live Hour

The National Exploring Live Hour is a [monthly](#) Zoom video conference that will help engage and equip Exploring volunteers and professionals to grow, support, and learn more about Exploring. Each month the National Exploring Live Hour will be led by the National Exploring program chair and the National director of Exploring. The live hours will include sharing best practices and ideas that are happening within councils, highlighting successful growth campaigns, and inspiring new ideas through various trainings. This will also offer an opportunity for local councils to collaborate with territory and national counterparts to generate innovative solutions to real-life Exploring challenges. Register for each of the Live Hour Zoom presentations [here](#).

Scouting U at Philmont

Scouting U has four conferences planned at the Philmont Training Center the week of *July 13-19*: "Innovate and Facilitate" (which consists of two, two-day conferences – "Acquire the Facilitators Advantage" and "Strategic Training Plan"); "Nuts and Bolts of Training"; "Wood Badge Co-Hort", and "National Youth Leadership Training Power-Up: Purpose in Service". There will be two professional development classes offered as well. Scouting U will be joined by the Council Key 3 Conference and the Scouting America Employee Retirees Reunion. The National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience and National Youth Leadership Training Leadership Academy are available for youth. Get more information [here](#).

Jamboree Payments –Upcoming Due Date

Jamboree payments will be billed through the standard PeopleSoft billing process, consistent with other National invoices. The process remains the same as in prior Jamborees. As a reminder, the first Jamboree payment is due in May, and councils will be billed for the units they have registered in the Jamboree registration system. Councils should plan accordingly to ensure timely payment.

Coming Soon – The 2025 Performance Uniform Shirt

Following last week's launch of the 2025 Performance Uniform Short, the next evolution in our uniform lineup - the 2025 Performance Uniform Shirt - has been announced. The men's and women's shirts will begin arriving at the National Distribution Center this week and will be available for ordering by local council locations starting *Wednesday, May 9*.

New Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification

Employers must complete a Form I-9 to verify an employee's identity and employment authorization. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Citizenship and Immigration Services has released an updated version of Form I-9, and Employment Eligibility Verification and Instructions for Form I-9 each having an expiration date of *May 31, 2027*. The new Form I-9 may be found [here](#) and the instructions [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 to review earlier issues.

Reminders from Previous Newsletters

Monthly Membership Rally – [here](#)
National Scout Jamboree – Scholarship Program - [here](#)
National Volunteer Training Conference - April 24-26 - [here](#)
Spring Commissioner Impact Session – April 26 - [here](#)
April Membership Mixer – April 27 - [here](#)
Scouts Read Sacred Texts – May 1 - [here](#)
National Annual Meeting - May 12-16 - [here](#)
2025 National Outdoor Conference - September 17-21 - [here](#)
2025 National Camping School Registration - [here](#)

Program Livecasts

Cub Chat Live (every Friday at 2pm 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

Engaging Latino Families in Scouting – April 10 - Register [here](#)
2026 National Jamboree - Register for the webinars [here](#)

- April 10 – ELEVATE Your Recruitment
- May 8 – ELEVATE Your Planning

Council Religious Relationships Committees – April 24, 7:00 PM Central - [here](#)

Important Links

Youth Safety - [here](#)
Health and Safety - [here](#)
Scouting Emergency Assistance Fund - [here](#)
Scouting America Brand Guidelines and Materials - [here](#)
Executive Communications - [here](#)
Philmont Training Center 75th Anniversary Conference Registration - [here](#)

Commissioner eBlast - [here](#)
Scouting the Boardroom Podcast - [here](#)
National Council Videos - [here](#)
High Adventure Bases - [here](#)
National Jamboree - [here](#)
Council Support - [here](#)
National Camp Accreditation Program 2025 Standards - [here](#)
Scouting Forums - [here](#)
Order of the Arrow - [here](#)
Aaron on Scouting - [here](#)
Scouting America News & Events - [here](#)
Commissioners - [here](#)
Abilities Digest - [here](#)
Program Updates - [here](#)
Summer Camp Staff Jobs - [here](#)
Awards Central - [here](#)
Trail To Adventure Blog - [here](#)
Scouting Alumni - [here](#)
Training Resources - [here](#)
Marketing and Recruitment Resources - [here](#)
Scouting Newsroom - [here](#)
Language of Scouting - [here](#)

