



Commissioner Newsletter

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"The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things," said Ronald Reagan.

Happy Thanksgiving

Gratitude shapes the spirit of our work and strengthens every connection we build. As volunteers serving Scouting America, we see firsthand how small acts of appreciation can inspire growth, reinforce trust, and bring our communities closer together. When we pause to recognize the efforts of those around us, we help create an environment where young people feel supported and adults feel valued. Thankfulness is not only a virtue. It is a tool that helps us lead with purpose and keep the Scouting movement thriving.

Elevating Your Boards of Review Webinar, December 3

Join us on December 3 at 8:00 PM ET for a webinar on the Boards of Review process. Discover how these meetings should be powerful tools to achieve the Aims of Scouting and learn best practices to make them educational, meaningful, and even enjoyable for everyone. Register [here](#). A recording of the webinar will be posted on our Facebook page following the event.

Den Leader Title Migration

Named den leader positions (i.e. Tiger Cub Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, Lion Den Leader, Lion Coordinator) will be transitioned to Den Leader. In addition, Assistant Webelos Den Leader will be transitioned to Assistant Den Leader. Leaders with named den leader positions will be given new positions with the same expiration and end dates and should not experience any changes in functionality with their new position.

Commissioner Week at Philmont Training Center – Register Now

Join us for top-tier learning, lifelong connections, and the magic of Scouting at Philmont Training Center during Commissioner Week, June 7–13, 2026. Register now (or soon) [here](#) before all spots are gone. This year will be a sellout.

Family Troop Option

Starting December 15, 2025, a new "family troop" option will be available that allows a single troop to serve both boys and girls. Tested in successful pilot programs, this model provides greater flexibility for chartered organizations, shared leadership, and opportunities for families to scout together. Most troops will continue to be single-gender, but this new option gives communities an additional option to grow membership and enhance program delivery.

A letter from Roger Krone and supporting documents were sent to all territory and council commissioners last week. Unit commissioners are advised to discuss with their council commissioner how this new option will be implemented and supported prior to discussing with the units that they serve.

Update to Fundraising Policies

At its meeting on October 27, 2025, the National Executive Committee (NEC) approved a resolution amending the National Rules and Regulations for Local Council and Unit Fundraising. Under the amendment, fundraising projects involving games of chance, including lotteries, raffles, bingo, and casino-style games, are now permitted, provided they comply with the rules, regulations, and policies of Scouting America. The amendment is effective immediately, enabling councils to begin planning and conducting these fundraising activities. Council executives have been provided a copy of the resolution and supporting information.

News Breaks First on Social Media

Join the [Commissioners of Scout America's Facebook page](#) and [Instagram account](#) and help spread the word about Scouting by liking and sharing posts. Engage those whom you serve by being where they go for information.

How May We Help You?

The National Commissioner Service Team (NCST) exists to serve commissioners. Learn who are the members of the 2025-26 team are and what they do [here](#). Reach out to us.

Ask A Commissioner

Q. Have we solved the issues with multiple registrations?

A. individuals may renew their council multiples, but not multiple into the National Council.

Q. Is there any concern that our systems can handle the many SYT renewals that come due at the end of May?

A. When Scouting America rolled out SYT last May, it reset expiration dates. National IT is aware and prepared for the likely increase in renewals at that time. The new training is much improved and best to not wait till the last minute.

You have questions? Commissioners have answers!

Reach out by email: commissionerserviceteam@scouting.org



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