

TRAINING TIMES

2024 NATIONAL VOLUNTEER TRAINING CONFERENCE

The 2024 National Volunteer Training Conference, held April 25-27 at the Las Vegas Area Council Service Center, welcomed over 50 participants in person plus additional attendees online. The theme was 'Building Relationships' and focused on ways that training can strengthen Scouting by building relationships across programs. The conference featured a keynote address by Gary Crum, Chair of the National Operations Leadership Committee. Gary shared the Scouting America Road Map and detailed the key objectives. Other sessions included updates on Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Commissioner trainings; Scouting U updates: Leadership Development information including NYLT Leadership Academy, NAYLE, Leadership Challenge, Wood Badge and NYLT. Learning Delivery updates included reports from Task Force Chairs on the progress of the Strategic Training Plan, Fundamentals of Training and Trainers EDGE training. Information was shared on the updates to the Guide to Leader Training and the new, soon to be released Training Dashboard.

Throughout the conference, attendees were able to speak with leaders from the Scouting U national team, engage with Territory Training Coordinators from Council Service Territories and network with trainers from other councils.

A highlight of the conference and the last session of the conference was a joint session with Commissioners from around the country who were overlapping with the Training Conference and their Commissioner Impact Session. A gallery walk allowed participants to brainstorm ideas on ways to work together to get leaders trained.

Join us next year at the 2025 National Volunteer Training Conference as Longhorn Council in Hurst, TX will host the conference on April 24-26, 2025.



SCOUTING U LEADERSHIP UPDATES

There have recently been some leadership changes on the Scouting U Committee. Effective June 1, 2024, David Ehrlich took over as the Leadership Development Chair, replacing Jeff McKinney. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Jeff for his dedication and leadership over the past three years. Additionally, Cullen Bengtson has replaced David Ehrlich as National NYLT Coordinator.

PHILMONT TRAINING CENTER WELCOMES SCOUTING U CONFERENCE

Last year, members of the Scouting U team worked with the Philmont Training Center leadership to plan a conference week for 2024. “We thought that Scouting U, the training department of Scouting America, should be represented at Scouting’s national training center,” says Kathy Craig, Volunteer Development Specialist for Scouting U. Toni Welch, the Conference Chair for the week and the Learning Delivery Chair for Scouting U worked with the faculty members to plan their conferences and ensured everything ran smoothly.

The conference, held from July 21-27, offered a variety of half and full-week courses. They were led by national volunteer coordinators, curriculum developers, and subject matter experts. Attendees included volunteers and Scouting professionals at all levels. Two courses were pilots of updated national training curricula – Fundamentals of Training/Trainer’s EDGE and Strategic Training Plan. The national course director conferences for Wood Badge and National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) were also offered. Other courses included “Wood Badge – Past, Present and Future,” “Deliver the Next Level NYLT Course,” “Acquire the Facilitators Advantage,” and “Delivering Training to Unit Leaders.” Additionally, Scouting professionals participated in two weeklong conferences: “Advanced District Administration” and “District Operations 2.”



Toni noted that “Through training, leaders develop, strengthen and learn new skills. It builds confidence, provides opportunities for building relationships and friendships with other leaders, allows leaders to stay up to date and recognize where to find resources to help them deliver safe, fun and engaging programs to our youth.”

A highlight of the week was the visit by Brad Tilden, Scouting America Board Chair who visited conferences, speaking with conference participants and answering their questions, including the youth attending NAYLE and NYLT Leadership Academy.

At the end of the week, attendees were talking about returning for next year’s conference and hoping that more leaders will take advantage of PTC Scouting U week. **The date has been set for 2025 – during the 75th anniversary of PTC – July 13-19, 2025.**



CUB SCOUT LEADER POSITION-SPECIFIC TRAINING NOW AVAILABLE

The Facilitator Guide for Cub Scout Leader Position-Specific Training has been updated and is now available at <https://www.scouting.org/training/resources-for-program-trainers-training-committees/>. This guide is for use by District and Council Training Committees. This updated version reflects changes to the new Cub Scout program that was launched on June 1, 2024. Please discontinue the use of any previous versions of this Facilitator Guide.

We strongly suggest anyone who has previously completed this training to complete the updated online modules, this will ensure they are prepared to conduct the new Cub Scout program.

Questions can be directed to Anthony Berger, National Director, Cub Scouting, anthony.berger@scouting.org or Kathy Craig, kathy.craig@scouting.org.



SCOUTING AMERICA – THE PROMISE

Shared by Brad Tilden with the faculty and participants at Scouting U week at the Philmont Training Center

You wonder how they're going to find their way.

How to get them ready for the times
you won't be there to help.

How to help them to be strong enough, brave
enough, mentally sharp, moral.

They need confidence without arrogance.

Skills without screens, for the
world beyond school and sports.

Ready for emergencies, for challenges, for whatever
the world throws their way.

Prepared with what they have in their
heads and hearts.

What they can do with their own two hands.

What they can do working with others
and by putting others first.

They need social without the media.

A way to experience the real world in real safety.

A place to be challenged
without being overwhelmed.

A safe place to explore the world.

And imagine what's possible for them in it.

Where all kids are welcome, and everyone
has a path forward.

To new skills, advancement, leadership.

Where their individual effort can
create something invaluable.

Something they will carry with them
the rest of their lives.

It's Scouting.

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TERRITORY TRAINING COORDINATOR UPDATES

David Wilson, Territory Training Coordinator for Council Service Territory 15 has completed his term and has stepped down. Thank you so much David for being a part of the inaugural group of Territory Training Coordinators. Kevin Sloop from the Occochee Council has come on board as the new TTC for CST 15. Kevin has been involved with training for five years.

David Berger, Territory Training Coordinator for Council Service Territory 9, will be stepping down as well. David will be staying on the Scouting U Committee and assist with Training Reports. Thank you, David, for all that you have done to support our Councils and also being a part of the inaugural team of Territory Training Coordinators. Jack Ball, Dan Beard Council, will be taking on the role as the TTC for CST 9. Jack has been involved with training for 11 years.

Please work through your Territory Training Coordinator (updated list below) in your Council Service Territory should you have any questions regarding training, Wood Badge or NYLT.

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