

General FAQ for Councils

1. Is the national organization filing for bankruptcy?

No final decisions have been made. A Chapter 11 filing continues to be one of the options under consideration to achieve the dual imperatives of equitably compensating victims of abuse and continuing the important mission of Scouting.

2. Would a bankruptcy mean the national organization would shut its doors?

Absolutely not – any path forward that national BSA is contemplating would ensure that the national organization can continue to carry out our mission to serve youth, families and local communities through our programs.

3. Is our local council filing for bankruptcy?

No. In any scenario under consideration, only the national organization would file for Chapter 11. Any path pursued would ensure that Scouting continues in our communities for many years to come.

4. Is local Scouting programming continuing?

Absolutely, all programming is continuing as scheduled. This includes your regular unit meetings and activities, district and council events, and all other Scouting adventures.

5. How does this impact our donors/fundraising?

The continued support of our donors is critical to our mission of delivering Scouting in our area. We encourage everyone to continue their fundraising efforts.

Friends of Scouting (FOS) and other annual donations to the council will continue to be used to pay for necessary day-to-day expenses that are critical to our ability to provide quality Scouting programs in our communities. Additionally, any restricted donation to our council that has been made or is being considered by a prospective donor can only be used for its designated purpose.

6. Is our council participating in the Ad Hoc Committee? What are the implications if we do/don't?

The national organization has facilitated the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee of local councils that will participate in its continued evaluation of this potential path forward. The Ad Hoc Committee will have an ongoing voice, as a group, in any restructuring considerations.

The Ad Hoc Committee will give councils access to more detailed information on financial considerations and insight from their own representatives. It will allow councils to gather information and substantively and collaboratively engage with the process.

Working with the Ad Hoc Committee does not obligate our council to contribute funds to this effort. Each council is an independent nonprofit organization separate from the national organization. To reiterate: The decision of whether our council contributes to a potential victims' compensation trust will be made by each individual council board after careful consideration.

7. Are our local assets such as properties/camps at risk?

Any path pursued will ensure that we are able to continue delivering programming in our community for many years to come. We believe our properties and camps are important components of this programming. Any decisions regarding our properties and camps will be based on our ongoing efforts to manage our local Scouting resources wisely.