Greetings Unit Leaders, Committee Chairs and Chartered Organization Representatives,

IMPORTANT BSA NEWS

On September 17, 2019, all BSA Councils were notified by the Chief Scout Executive that a vision team of volunteers and staff from across the country completed evaluations on the growing cost of delivering the Scouting program. It was recommended the best way forward requires a national membership fee increase for youth members and adult leaders effective January 1, 2020. We do not know the amount of the increase as this requires National Executive Committee input and approval. We will be notified no later than October 23, 2019.

We have also been notified the BSA will implement periodic criminal background checks beginning January 2020 for registered adults. In preparation for this, the required disclosures and authorization documents have been updated to ensure compliance with current local, state, and federal laws. The National Service Center will send an email with the updated background check disclosures and authorization form documents around October 7 to all currently registered adults who have a valid email address listed in the BSA's membership system (for instructions on how to update your email address, click here). All currently registered adults need to receive and review, then complete and return the authorization form to their assigned unit leader in order to be turned in with a complete Charter Renewal application. If you choose to decline the background check, or if you do not complete and return the Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization form, your personal registration for 2020 will not be processed; this may delay the processing of your unit’s rechartering paperwork. Please note we need a signed Authorization form from every registered adult leader.

Click HERE to review the Background Check disclosure
Click HERE to review and download the Additional Disclosures and Authorization form

*A new, signed authorization form for each registered adult using an ink/wet signature is required for annual registration to be processed.

Electronic signatures will not be accepted*

Charter Renewal 2020
The information listed below is to assist the person responsible for completing the charter renewal process for your unit. Additional information is also available at your November Roundtable and on the Mayflower Council website www.mayflowerbsa.org/recharter. If you cannot attend your district’s Roundtable, please contact your Unit Commissioner or District Executive to arrange delivery.
To access the Unit Charter Renewal System (UCRS)

1. Go to: www.mayflowerbsa.org/recharter
2. On the page scroll down to Internet Rechartering links and select the appropriate button

You will need to use your Access Code in order to renew your charter. Please review the information below. Confirm your unit, your district, and sponsoring organization. If you have any questions, please reach out to your Unit Commissioner or District Executive for assistance.

Access Code:
District:
Sponsoring Organization:
Unit:

Please be advised that the online renewal portal will be open beginning October 1. You may view your charters, make changes, etc. but will not have the ability to process payment online until November 1, 2019.

**Required documents to turn in to the council in order to finalize the Renewal process:**

- All pages of the Unit Charter Renewal Report Package (no draft or EZ copies).
- Completed BSA Adult or Youth applications for everyone listed as “new” on page one of the Charter Renewal Report Package.
- Signed and dated copies of the Additional Disclosures and Authorization form for each registering Adult.
- Completed and signed CORI form and copy of photo ID for all new adults on the charter.
- Youth Protection Training Certificates - YPT is available online at [http://my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org). You must have the latest version of Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Safari, or Internet Explorer (v11).
- Please bring your Charter Renewal Application package to a district Recharter Workshop & Turn-In opportunity for payment of registration, insurance and program fees for your unit’s 2020 renewal. The final paperwork must include appropriate signatures on all individual adult and youth applications and on the Charter Renewal Application. (The lack of appropriate signatures will delay processing of your charter renewal)
- Please confirm that every adult leader has current Youth Protection Training before turning in the final renewal paperwork. Youth Protection Training is required for all adult leaders and must be completed every two years.

- Registration fees are increasing for 2020. Amount to be determined by October 23, 2019.
- Boys’ Life fees are $12.00 per person per year.

Executive officers, Tiger Adult Partners and Lion Parents do not pay any fees – nor do adult leaders that have paid registration in other active units.

**Reminder:**

- **Youth Protection Training is required for all adults.** When registering online, you will get an error message if training is not current and will not be allowed to process the charter with adults whose YPT has expired. Please confirm that every adult leader has current YPT **before** turning in the final renewal paperwork. Youth Protection Training is mandatory and is required for all adult leaders and must be completed every two years.

**Other documents strongly encouraged to be turned-in:**


Additional useful forms (Membership Inventory, Unit Budget Plan, New Youth & Adult Applications, etc.) may be found on [scouting.org](http://scouting.org). Please visit for more information at: [http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/Forms.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/Forms.aspx). These forms can be printed and used to assist in the completion of your unit’s 2020 charter renewal.

**Additional helpful registration tips:**
91U – Unit College Scouter Reserve & 92U – Unit Scouter Reserve
These 2 positions should be used to register people who want to maintain their BSA registration but are NOT actively working with your unit currently. They must take Youth Protection Training but are otherwise not required to take any training to be considered trained. These are good options for college age ASMs (91U) or past leaders who just want to stay registered, but do not interact with the youth on a regular basis.

New Member Coordinator
Sustaining strong membership in a unit depends not only on having new members join the unit but also on engaging youth and their families in the unit experiences so that they feel Welcomed and want to stay. The role of the New Member Coordinator is to ensure that both keys to success take place. Click here to learn more.

Venturing Participants – Aged 18 to 21
Venturers can be participants until they are 21 years old. However, Crews must have these 18, 19 & 20 year-old members fill out adult applications, CORI forms and provide photo ID and a copy of their Youth Protection Training certificate. The code for the application is VP – Venturing Participant.

Youth Program Activity Fee
Please keep in mind that the 2019 Youth Program Activity fees will also be collected at Recharter time. This $30 per youth member fee is due for all youth members except Lions and 18 - 21 year old Venturing participants.