Mayflower Council
Scouting America

Renewals Are Moving to February!

A simple change that makes a stronger Scouting experience.

Beginning in Fall 2026, Scouting America is creating one easy renewal season for everyone, both individual members and units, so volunteers can focus more on Scouting and less on paperwork.

HOW IT WORKS NOW
Two different renewal dates

UNITS



Each unit renews once a year on its own charter date.

MEMBERS



Each member renews every 12 months from their join date.

That means renewals happen all year long, for everyone. Hard to keep track of and easy to forget.

WHAT'S CHANGING
One renewal season for all



EVERYONE will renew in FEBRUARY

Units and Members will both renew in February with one simple season to remember!

PRO-RATED for NEW MEMBERS in 2027

New members only pay for the months until February. After that, they renew in February.

The Transition Plan (2026–2028)

A two-year plan to get everyone to one February renewal.

SEP 2026	JAN 2027	MAR 2027	SEP 2027	NOV 2027	DEC 2027	JAN 2028	FEB 2028
Units begin transitioning to February 2028 cycle. Units expiring after 10/31 or later will be on a February cycle.	New members begin to register through February 2028 using a pro-rated monthly fee schedule.	Existing members begin transitioning on a pro-rated schedule to February 2028.	All existing units will have transitioned to a February renewal month.	Last month of short-term pro-rated member fees to February 2028.	All new and renewing members will be pro-rated to February 2029.	First cycle of renewal begins for units and members. Everyone is officially back to the unit renewal process.	All members and units are on a single month cycle. One renewal season for all!

Why This Change is Great for Scouting

1. **Restores a true renewal season.** One renewal period for all.
2. **Lowers barriers to entry.** Pro-rated pricing makes it easier for families to join.
3. **Captures peak-season joiners.** More new members in the fall means stronger units.
4. **Eliminates the lapse period.** Fewer accidental interruptions in membership.
5. **SAFEGuarding Youth Training is tied to renewal.** Youth protection is easier to take and track.
6. **Simplifies Leader Roles.** One renewal process means leaders are back in control.

