


Annual Membership Fee Update

Effective **August 1, 2023**, the BSA will implement the following national membership fees which were approved by the National Executive Committee:

- **\$80/yr** for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting participants (\$5 increase)
 - **\$60/yr** for all adult volunteers (\$15 increase to provide general liability insurance and enhanced background checks)
 - **\$25** one-time joining fee for new program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting (Not prorated and no change in fee)
 - **\$30/yr** for Scoutreach (Not prorated)
 - **\$25/yr** for Merit Badge Counselors (New Fee applies only for Merit Badge Counselors not already registered as leaders)
 - **\$50/yr** for Exploring participants Youth & Adult (\$5 increase)
 - **\$100/yr** for a unit charter/affiliation fee (no change in fee)
 - **\$15/yr** for *Scout Life* magazine
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2023 BSA NATIONAL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES INFOGRAPHIC



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FOR ALL
NEW
MEMBERS

\$80/YR	Participants in leadership through age 20. 
\$50/YR	For all Exploring youth and adults. 
\$60/YR	All registered adult volunteers to cash and non-cash positions (Volunteers with multiple registrations will continue to pay for only one position). 
\$30/YR	Scouters participating in leadership through age 20. 
\$25/YR	This fee is for Merit Badge Counselors who are not already registered volunteers. 

NEW-MEMBER JOINING FEE

ONE-TIME

\$25

TO JOIN

Once \$25 fee is added when you join during the year. (An optional Merit badge fee is added in addition to membership fee.)



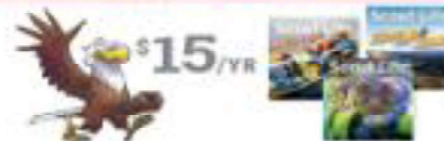
No joining fee for adult volunteers, Exploring participants, participants previously registered in any BSA program, or those transferring from one program to another.

UNIT CHARTER FEE


\$100/YR

For all new and rechartering units.


SCOUT LIFE MAGAZINE FEE



Key Updates for Charter Renewals

- Units with 2023 expiration dates- No changes, you will renew charter and membership as always.
 - Units with February 2024 expiration- Unit will automatically lapse after 1 month. Renew your charter by the end of March. Your unit and members will still have a February expiration date.
 - Units with March-December 2024 expiration dates- You will renew your charter and membership under the new system.
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Membership Renewal Process

- All membership in the BSA will be renewed on a 12-month membership cycle.
 - Each member, youth or adult, will renew their membership on their anniversary month. Many will have an anniversary that is the month their unit renewed last, and any new members will renew 12 months after they joined.
 - Membership renewals will be completed either by credit card with a 12-month renewal payment from the individual, by a scout unit that has elected “Unit will pay all our members renewals” option, or by a manual payment at the Council Office.
 - By eliminating proration, it will streamline the rechartering and membership renewal process for units and councils.
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Unit Charter Renewal

To simplify the unit charter process, membership renewals will no longer be tied to the unit charter process; beginning for units expiring in March 2024; units will still renew their charters separate from their membership. The process will be much simpler as the system will validate the unit leadership and verify the unit has the minimum required youth and adults. The COR and council will approve the leadership, the unit will approve the charter, and the unit will submit the annual unit charter renewal fee of \$100.

New Members

- Beginning August 1, 2023, all new youth and adult members will join for a 12-month membership cycle. Both youth and adults will pay the full annual membership fee to join Scouting and will renew their membership on the anniversary month of joining.
 - New members joining after July 31, 2023, will begin their annual membership renewal in July 2024. This will be tied to the anniversary month of joining.
 - Each member of the BSA will receive an email notice with a registration renewal link beginning 60 days before the anniversary month of joining.
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Existing Members

- Beginning August 1, 2023, all youth and adult membership renewals will be for a 12-month membership cycle.
 - Charter Renewal will remain unchanged for units due to charter through February 2024. March 2024 units will be the first to renew in the new process.
 - Charter Renewal change will take effect for units starting March 1, 2024, to allow all units renewing in 2023 a complete renewal cycle.
 - Renewing members will renew their membership on their anniversary month.
 - Each member will receive an email renewal notice reminder beginning 60 days before the anniversary month.
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Merit Badge Counselors

- Beginning in August 2023, merit badge counselors who are not registered as an adult leader in a unit will pay an annual \$25 fee.
- Merit badge counselors are not registered in a unit position and therefore are not allowed to attend overnight Scouting activities/events.

Impact by Scouting Role



Role of the Family

- Annually renew the registration of the members via an online link
 - Email reminders beginning 60 day before the renewal date with a link to renew or Opt-Out will be sent out.
 - 60, 30, 15, 7 days before, and then 24 hours before and if needed 7 days after renewal date.
 - Parents can renew the registration via Credit Card payment or pay at the council office if they prefer (Credit Card details are tokenized like other renewal payments and available if the parent approves).
 - Reminder notification will be in Scoutbook beginning 45 days before the renewal date.
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Role of the Unit

- Units **WILL BE** able to choose to pay renewals for all members, this option will block the online payment by the parent.
- Units will be able to opt out of a member so as not to pay for someone who has quit.
- Units will get notifications via email for members to be renewed and members who renewed.
- Renewal status will show on the unit roster.
- Units will have access to reporting in My.Scouting for members due to renew, members renewed, and members dropped (opt-out)
- Unit Renewal will be simplified and streamlined. The unit will validate the leadership and YPT requirements, validate the membership requirements, and pay the Unit Charter fee. This can all be done from one screen in My.Scouting by one of the unit Key-3 leaders.