

Roundtable Hot Topic

Recharter

2024 will bring a new charter renewal process. This process involves scout leaders and parents as never before. Changes to the individual registration process began August 1, 2023. There are no changes to the unit charter renewal process until March 2024. Beginning March 2024 Membership renewals will no longer be tied to the unit charter process



Let's answer a few questions about recharter:

What is a recharter?

Most Scouting units “belong” to a local organization like a school, religious institution or service club. The objectives, mission and methodologies of a chartered organization are compatible with those of the BSA. It agrees to use the Scouting program to further its mission to serve young people. The unit and local organization form together to officially charter a unit with the BSA. All units currently registered with the BSA need to complete this re-registration process on a yearly basis - this is a recharter.

How does a unit recharter?

A unit should work closely with their unit commissioner and district executive to complete the online process through their council by:

- Preparing early with membership and youth protection training inventories
- Collecting membership fees
- Selecting a unit recharter champion to guide the unit along
- Reviewing all available online resources
- Allowing sufficient time for council to process the charter renewal



Unit Renewal

- Units rechartering in 2023 have no changes. They will renew charter and membership as always. Existing members will renew their membership during charter renewal until March of 2024.
- Beginning March 2024 units will renew their charters separately from their membership.
- The online system will validate the unit leadership and verify the unit has the minimum required youth and adults. The Unit COR and council will approve the leadership, the unit will approve the charter and will submit the annual charter renewal fee of \$100
- Units with February 2024 expiration must have the charter renewed by the end of March. The charter will automatically lapse at the end of March. The unit and members will still have a February expiration date.
- Units with March to December 2024 expiration dates will renew charters and memberships under the new system.

Membership Renewal

Membership Renewals changed 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.
- 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. Proration has been eliminated.
- Units will have access to reporting in My.Scouting for members due to renew, members renewed, and members dropped (opt-out)
- Units **WILL BE** able to choose to pay renewals for all members, this option will block the online payment by the parent.
- 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.
- Units and members will begin receiving notifications via email 60 days prior to the membership renewal month, my.scouting.com emails will be used for notifications
- All registered adults must take Youth Protection Training (YPT) at least every two years. If a volunteer's YPT is not current at charter renewal the volunteer cannot be renewed.

For more information on the charter renewal process:

Recharter Webpage -

<https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/internet-rechartering>

Internet Recharter 2.0 App - <https://advancements.scouting.org>

