2019 - 2020
Charter Renewal Handbook

Tips for Renewing Your Unit's
BSA Membership

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What is a charter?

In the BSA, a charter authorizes an organization to operate BSA Scouting units. It certifies the agreement between a chartered organization – an organization that agrees to utilize Scouting as a part of its service to youth – and the Boy Scouts of America, setting expectations for the quality of program to be delivered. Issuing a charter is one of the oldest traditions in Scouting.

Why is a charter renewed annually?

Charters are usually issued for a period of 1 year; hence, chartered organizations must submit an application to the Council annually to renew its charter. The requirement to renew a charter:

- Fosters a formal, timely plan for regular dialogue between charter organization and BSA, and
- Assures membership is current so Scouts can participate in Scouting activities and advance in rank.

What will I find in this handbook?

This Charter Renewal Handbook explains the timelines, key roles, major process steps, and common challenges. Use this handbook along with resources found on the Charter Renewal Support pages at NCACBSA.org, the Internet Rechartering Tutorial, and your district’s commissioner staff to submit your Charter Renewal Application (CRA) on time and error free.

Who can I contact with specific questions?

Contact your unit commissioner (UC) or your district’s charter renewal point of contact (POC) for help with charter renewal. A list of district POCs are found on the NCAC website. If using Email, send a copy to ncac.recharter@ncacbsa.org

Best wishes to all for a successful charter renewal season.

Rick Rogers
Council Commissioner
UNIT CHARTER RENEWAL OVERVIEW

Since 1916, annually, chartered organizations renew their charters. In this process, the unit Key 3 (committee chair (CC), chartered organization representative (COR), and unit leader (UL)) confirm and record their members and leaders for the coming year and pay national membership fees. At the same time, the institutional head of the chartered organization recommits to offering the Scouting program to youth for the new charter year.

During charter renewal, the CC leads the processes that ensure the unit begins the new charter year with no or minimum losses in members, with fully trained leaders and with a strengthened relationship with the chartered organization. These processes include forming the charter renewal team, setting timelines, inventorying members, updating leader training, confirming leader positions, collecting fees, entering data into Internet Rechartering, reviewing and approving the charter renewal application, submitting materials on time, receiving new membership cards and participating in the new charter presentation. When listed, these processes seem daunting. In fact, the committee accomplishes these processes routinely throughout the year and merely validates them during charter renewal. The unit commissioner will assist the CC and the committee throughout the renewal process.

CHARTER RENEWAL DATES AND TIME PERIOD

Units turn in charter renewal packets the month prior to the unit charter expiration month. The month to turn in packets previously varied by district; now all district units will renew so their expiration is 31 December 2020. District’s charter renewal timelines are established to ensure packets are reviewed, corrected, and finalized prior to delivery to the district executive (DE) for scanning to the registrar. Access to the Unit Charter Renewal System (UCRS) or Internet Rechartering starts 90 days before and ends 30 days after the unit’s charter expiration date. In practical terms, units must accomplish the precursor activities before updating the charter using Internet Rechartering. Contact your UC to coordinate the date for the unit’s charter review meeting.

Note: Direct Service units have different cycles for renewal.

District units’ new charters will expire on 12/31/2020. The districts that renewed in January 2018, will renew for 11 months, from 1/31/2020 to 12/31/2020. (Previous January districts were Aquia, Francis Scott Key, Patuxent, Potomac, Seneca, and White Oak.)

UCRS or Internet Rechartering access will open on 10/1/2019 for all districts except former January units. Aquia, Francis Scott Key, Patuxent, Potomac, Seneca, and White Oak UCRS access will open on 11/1/2019. Unit rosters will be loaded into Internet Rechartering at that time. Once the unit begins to access Internet Rechartering, they should be careful with accepting BeAScout on-line applications to avoid cases when the member is only registered for the expiring year and not the new charter year. Download a copy of the online application before accepting it and be prepared to provide the copy of the application after Charter renewal if the member is not on the new roster. Alternatively, use paper applications and prepare to submit a copy with the charter renewal package and retain a copy until the member appears on the new Charter year roster.

Units turn in charter renewal packages in November 2019, except for Aquia, Francis Scott Key, Patuxent, Potomac, Seneca, and White Oak, who turn in packages in December 2019.
CHARTER RENEWAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The unit’s roles and tasks for charter renewal can be divided into four phases:

1. Activities and planning accomplished before Internet Rechartering
   - 120 – 90 days before charter expiration

2. Entering data during Internet Rechartering
   - 90 – 60 days before charter expiration

3. Finalizing and approving the charter renewal packet
   - 60 – 30 days before charter expiration – UC & DC review
   - 30 – 0 days before charter expiration - Registrar process and post new charters and membership rosters

4. Reviewing and presenting new charters
   - Registrar sends membership cards and charter certificates to Committee Chair
   - The CC and UL review the membership cards and charter certificate for accuracy
   - The COR schedules and UC conducts a charter presentation.

The following tables describe the roles and steps for each member of the charter renewal team.
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Phase 1- Be Prepared:  
Updating Members, Leaders & Training

Identify Charter Renewal Team and Timelines

To prepare for charter renewal, the CC and committee focus on key tasks for the next Scouting year. The CC normally appoints committee members to inventory members, verify training, and collect applications and fees. In addition, the CC selects one individual to serve as the renewal processor (RP) to update records using the UCRS.

The charter renewal team develops a plan for your unit. Include the following key dates in the unit’s annual program plan:

- Membership inventory completion date,
- Scouts and adult leaders’ fees due date,
- Training, especially YPT, completion date,
- Application completion date,
- Charter renewal meeting date (to review and sign the CRA) and
- Charter renewal packet turn-in date.

Membership Inventory

Conducting a thorough inventory of youth and adult members is key to successful charter renewal. Compare the unit’s local roster to the member roster contained in Member Manager. Contact all inactive members and attempt to reactivate them. Make every effort to recruit additional youth and adults so that the unit reregisters with no loss in membership. Also, be sure to register any youth who are participating but are not yet registered.

A committee member should contact every family to:

- Verify members reregistering with the unit.
- Verify birth date, grade, telephone number and mailing address, and Boys’ Life subscription.
- Verify email address. An accurate email address allows each family to receive important information from Council and the twice-yearly nationwide Voice of Scouting survey.
- Confirm fees and payment due date.
- Note the reason for members who are not reregistering and extend an invitation to continue in Scouting. The reason for dropping from Scouting will subsequently be recorded in the UCRS.
Commissioner Support for Membership Inventory

Unit commissioners can help with the membership inventory. Give your UC the latest version of your unit roster. Ask your UC to help place a youth in another unit if a change will continue or enhance the Scout’s experience.

The NCAC Scout Executive must approve charter applications for units with 100 or more youth, units with a loss of 50% of youth from the previous year, units with no change in youth, and units with less than 5 youth. If your unit is one of these types, your Commissioner will coordinate with the DE to seek Scout Executive approval.

Submit Applications Now

Complete and submit applications immediately. Do not hold youth or adult applications for submission with the charter renewal package. Scouts cannot advance or receive Boys’ Life if they are not registered members of Boy Scouts of America.

A complete application is required for all new youth and adult leaders added to a unit’s roster during Phase 2 Internet Rechartering. If applications previously submitted to Council have not processed, when updating the roster in Internet Rechartering, submit the application again with the charter renewal packet. A copy of an application previously submitted will suffice; for adult applications, the Social Security Number must be visible on the application.

PLEASE NOTE: Be careful if you allow On-line BeAScout applications in the 30 days before your charter expires. Retain a copy of the on-line registration or use paper applications.

Here’s why. As the registrar updates charter renewals, they cannot automatically process an application for multiple charter years (your current year before expiration and the new charter year). The registrar needs a paper application or a paper copy of the on-line application to manually add the registration in both charter years.

For all on-line BeAScout applications completed earlier, ensure they are approved in Application Manager.

Note: Direct Service units submit individual applications to DirectService@ncacbsa.org.

Identify Unit Leaders

The COR approves adult leaders. Unit leaders may recommend direct contact leaders for appointment while the CC identifies committee members. Ideally, leaders are identified early so they can take position-specific training prior to appointment.

Fill leadership vacancies as soon as possible. A unit will not be able to renew its charter without the minimum required leaders.

Packs must have: Chartered Organization Rep (CR may be dual registered as CC or MC); Committee Chair (CC); two Committee Members (MC) or one MC and one Pack Trainer (PT); Cubmaster (CM); and one Den Leader (DL). Normally, a Pack should have a registered DL for each Den in the Pack. List a Tiger/Lion adult partner (AP/LP) for each Tiger/Lion in the pack. An AP/LP does not pay a fee or complete an Adult Application if they
are the parent of a Tiger/Lion. Note, an AP/LP registering in a pack adult leader position must complete Youth Protection Training and an Adult Application.

Troops/Crews/Ship must have: Scoutmaster (SM), Crew Advisor (NL), or Skipper (SK); Committee Chair (CC); Chartered Organization Representative (CR may be dual registered as CC or MC); and two Committee Members (MC).

Adult Position Changes

Adults changing position during the current charter year must submit an Adult Application verifying approval by the COR and CC. Submit applications to change adult positions without delay. If a currently registered adult will only assume the position in the new charter year, do not submit an application to change position. The Institutional Head’s approval of the CRA is sufficient.

Every paper-form adult application must include the signed application, signed disclosure form and YPT certificate. On-line BeAScout adult applications can be used for adults new to Scouting up to 30 days before expiration, but currently cannot be used for position changes.

Trained Leaders

Every Scout deserves a trained leader. All registered adults are expected to complete position-specific training. Scouting University provides position-specific training via the BSA Learn Center available at https://my.scouting.org. In-person position-specific training and outdoor training is offered frequently by your district and near-by districts.

As units select leaders for the new Scouting year, it is a good time to verify the training of all adults and encourage those in new positions to commit to completing training.

Youth Protection Training – an absolute must!

All registered adults 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 registered. Successful districts and units separate YPT updates from charter renewal so that waiting for YPT completion does not delay renewal. Such units choose a month such as May and ask all adults to retake YPT if theirs expires within the next 12 months. Units should not wait until it is time to renew the unit’s charter to make sure all YPT is current. Unit Key 3s must review their unit’s YPT status.

My.Scouting Tools & Resources

As noted above, tools are available at https://my.scouting.org to help leaders manage membership and training. The portal works best with the latest version of Chrome and Firefox. It also works with the latest version of Safari, Edge, or Internet Explorer (v11). Older versions of IE are no longer supported. Each my.Scouting tool has a help manual. Select the question mark in the lower right corner of the screen within the tool to access the manual.

The unit Key 3 (COR, CC, and UL) plus three other registered leaders may use my.Scouting tools to update:
• Member profiles, and
• Training records to include YPT.

The UC can coach the unit on using my.Scouting tools. If you need help designating your “plus 3” or if you have questions about using the tools, please contact your UC. If you have questions about accessing the tools, call the Member Care Contact Center at 972-580-2489 or send an email to myscouting@scouting.org.

Privacy Policy

Charter renewal involves confidential and/or private information and requires accepting the responsibility for maintaining the privacy and confidentiality of that information. Private and/or confidential information must never be shared outside of the Boy Scouts of America. If you cannot accept this responsibility, you must notify your unit’s CC and withdraw from viewing or working with these documents.
Phase 2 - Do Your Best:
During Internet Rechartering

Your RP can access Internet Rechartering or the UCRS on the Charter Renewal Support page at NCACBSA.org. The page also contains additional resources to aid charter renewal.

Read this handbook and review the resources on this page before proceeding. Collect the following from the unit charter renewal team:

1. Updated Membership Inventory, including:
   - Reregistering youth, updated personal data, Boys’ Life subscription, multiple registration (if applicable including unit in which paid)
   - New youth with application
   - Youth NOT reregistering and reason
   - Reregistering adults updated personal data, Boys’ Life subscription, multiple registration (if applicable including unit in which paid) and leadership position
   - New adults with application including disclosure form and YPT certificate and leadership position.
   - Note that youth and adults promoted from a unit with the same chartered organization are considered new to your unit and require an application.
2. Updated leadership positions

3. Training Report listing expired YPT or YPT which will expire before the new charter is posted (e.g. 0 - 30 days after expiration date). Note that YPT certificates and applications not posted must be assembled at Phase 3 and submitted with the charter renewal packet.

The UCRS supports the following browsers: Chrome, Firefox, and Internet Explorer 9, 10, and 11. If using IE10, change browser settings to Compatibility Mode. To do so, go to the tool bar at the top of the page, select "Tools", then choose "Compatibility View Settings" from the list.

To begin Internet Rechartering, the RP, clicks on

The RP and other members of the charter renewal team are highly encouraged to view the Charter Renewal Tutorial.

When ready to enter data:

• Click NEW USER (You are considered a New User each year.)
  • Note that if you return to UCRS and have forgotten your password, click on Returning User and Forgot Password?
  • Enter the 9-digit access code contained in the charter renewal letter mailed to the unit, and the 4-digit unit number (add leading zeros if necessary).
  • Note you cannot use last year’s access code.

• Agree to confidentiality.

• Enter your contact information and create a password.

• Read about the 5 Stages of Internet Rechartering. The 5 UCRS Stages are:
  1. Loading the roster
  2. Updating the roster
  3. Checking the roster
  4. Summary (a final review and last chance to make changes)
  5. Final submission

• Click Begin

If you have trouble with the software loading, click on Frequently Asked Questions in the blue bar at the top right.
Recharter Stage 1 – Load Your Roster

Click the box to Load Council Information or Upload Recharter File from third party software (see below). Once you chose one of these options, you cannot change your mind. If you upload a file, it will be compared to the Member Manager Roster found at [https://my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) and you must resolve discrepancies (such as verifying that Tom Jones is the same person as Thomas Jones).

Uploading Charter Renewal Data Using Third-Party Software

NOTE: No NCAC unit succeeded in loading Troopmaster or any third-party software in 2018. Recommend you Load Council information.

If a unit uploads data using a third-party Unit Management Software file, Internet Rechartering automatically checks that the file is compatible. The most important preparation for using third party software is to ensure unit information is accurate and current before uploading to Internet Rechartering. Archive Scouts and adults who will not reregister. Check that names are entered in your software using the same rules as described below in Step 2. Compare them to the names in the online rosters available in Member Manager and Internet Advancement. Some third-party software will allow you to print a draft CRA for review. Remember – you cannot submit this draft to the registrar. You must upload your unit’s roster and complete the process using Internet Rechartering.
Recharter Stage 2 – Review and Update Your Roster

There are several steps involved in updating your roster:

- Update information on the chartered organization.
  - You may now print a copy of the roster; click Review Roster on the right of the screen, then print from the new window.

- Select adult members for renewal.

- If your chartered organization sponsors another unit, “Promote” adult members from the other sponsored unit into your unit. This includes “promoting” youth who have turned 18 to adult status. New adults must complete Adult Application forms! This step saves you from entering all their personal information.

- Do not use the “transfer” function for youth or adults during Internet Rechartering. You are not transferring the member for the current year. Internet Rechartering registers the member for the new charter year.

- Add new adult members. Enter the information found on their paper or online application.

- Add new youth members, using the same method as the adults.

- Update existing member data, such as phone numbers and emails.

- Update the adult’s unit leadership positions.

- When entering names - for data entry consistency – follow these rules:
  - Use full legal names, not nicknames
  - NO spaces between prefixes (DeCarlo not De Carlo)
  - NO apostrophes (Obrien not O’Brien)
  - NO hyphens (John Smith Payne not John Smith-Payne)

- Do not type over an ex-member’s info to add a new member!

- You cannot change a Scout’s rank using Internet Rechartering.

- Registration in multiple units is allowed, e.g., an adult may serve in both a pack and a troop, or a youth in a troop and crew.
  - “Multiples” pay the registration and Council insurance fees in only one unit.

- Units with the same chartered organization MUST have the same executive officer/institutional head name and signature and the same chartered organizational representative.

- Boys’ Life
  - 100% Boys’ Life is strongly encouraged for all Cub & Scouts BSA.
    - One (1) subscription per family counts toward 100%, even if the Scouts are in different units.

- For Webelos II:
  - For Webelos who have crossed over or will cross over to a troop before the pack’s charter renewal date, the troop should register them promptly and include them in its charter renewal submission. The pack should ensure that Internet Advancement is updated with Arrow of Light where applicable,
as soon as earned, before the youth registers in a troop. The troop cannot update Cub Scout advancement.

- Webelos who won’t cross over and register in a troop until after the pack’s charter renewal date should remain on the pack roster for the new year to make sure that there is no gap in the scout’s registration and Boys’ Life subscription.

- For members who reach 18:
  - A Scout who has reached the age of 18 cannot be registered in a troop as a youth, unless they joined after 1 February 2019 and request a waiver to complete Eagle Scout requirements. Complete YPT and submit an adult application. Use the position code for a Scout BSA Participant.
  - Venturing youth who are 18 years old or older at the time of their first application to a Venturing unit must complete an Adult Application and Youth Protection Training and register as a Venturing Participant (VP). Venturers who are already in a unit and have turned 18 or will turn 18 before the effective date of the renewal, must also complete an adult registration form and YPT and register as a Venturing Participant if they have not previously done so.
  - Do not submit an adult application before the individual reaches 18; it cannot be processed.

- For security, adult members’ Social Security Numbers are not shown.

- When registering new adults, the registrar will enter Social Security Numbers from the registration form (you won’t be able to make that entry in the software).

**IMPORTANT: Update the Unit Roster frequently.**

NCAC’s Registrar is composed of a team at Council Registration Shared Services. The team continues to process individual applications even while busy processing charter renewal packages. If you submit applications as soon as complete, they can be processed and posted during Internet Rechartering. Click on Update Unit Roster frequently to bring new member data into Internet Rechartering. When rosters are updated in this way, you eliminate the need to attach new applications to your charter renewal package. Update Unit Roster also adds new YPT expiration dates for training recently completed. Update early and often!
Recharter Stage 3 – Check Your Roster

The software will alert you to inconsistencies in your data:

- **“WARNINGS”** will NOT prevent continuance.
- **“ERRORS”** will STOP the process until the entry is corrected.
- Adults without a valid YPT will cause an ERROR

Print and review the draft CRA. Identify applications needed and “multiples” (those registered and paid in another unit).
Recharter Stage 4 – Summary & Update Fees

This is where you set the fee at $0 for “Multiples” – members that have paid in another unit and identify that unit.

This is where you include the fee for Boys’ Life, if appropriate. Note that member fees are $33.00* and Boys’ Life is $12.00 for Units expiring on 31 December 2019. *FEES ARE UNDER REVIEW

NOTE: Districts with units moving to a December 2020 expiration (Aquia, Francis Scott Key, Patuxent, Potomac, Seneca, and White Oak) renew for only 11 months. Your member fee is $30.25*, and Boys’ Life is $11.00. You CANNOT PAY ONLINE. Internet Rechartering online payment will charge for 12 months. You must write a check to NCAC.

Note that a National liability insurance fee of $40.00 per unit is not listed here but is listed on page 2 of the final CRA printout. A Council supplemental insurance fee of $6.00 per person is also listed in the UCRS charter renewal software. Both insurance fees are listed and calculated on the Charter Renewal Transfer Envelope. All NCAC units pay the $6.00 insurance fee at renewal.

This is also where BSA collects data on non-renewed members. This information is critical to improving our program. Enter the reason that a member is dropping from Scouting.

CAUTION: If a member tried to submit an on-line BeAScout application within 30 days before charter expiration or if a previously entered application has not been approved, the member may be dropped when the registrar processes the renewal. Once you Submit to Council, the CRA cannot be corrected. Attach a paper application or copy to avoid dropping a member. Check the roster after the registrar processes the renewal and updates Member Manager to ensure no one is dropped.
Phase 3 - Do Your Duty:
Finalizing, Approving, & Posting

Obtain your copy of the DRAFT CRA from your RP per Phase 2.

Gather new youth and adult applications for members named on the first page of the draft CRA! Applications are required for all members added to the roster in Stage 2 of Internet Rechartering.

Gather Youth Protection Training certificates from those needing it. See the list on the last page of the printed CRA. (Members who completed the new YPT in 2018 should be good for this renewal.)

After the CC and the charter renewal team has verified and finalized the membership, leadership, and training data in UCRS and on all applications and YPT certificates, then the RP and Approver (IH or CR) can proceed to Stage 5.

Recharter Stage 5 – Submit Roster

At Stage 5, you may approve the roster electronically, pay electronically, submit the electronic version of the Internet Rechartering Charter Renewal Application, print the complete CRA for signature, and take a user survey.

Payment can be made electronically by credit card or e-check or by cash/check. A 3% administrative fee is added when paying by credit card. Former January District units must write a check.

If you do NOT want to use the online approval or payment, select NEXT and you will skip this step.

If you intend to use the online approval, the COR or IH initials must be inserted. Do not insert the renewal processor’s (RP) initials.
Your last opportunity to make changes is at Stage 5 Step 3, BEFORE you Submit to Council.

Click Submit to Council. Congrats! The electronic part is done. But the paperwork remains...
Print the full Renewal Application. Do not print the Renewal Report E-Z.

Unless you paid electronically, have the treasurer provide a check to pay charter renewal fees, but **before** you fill in the amount due, have your UC review what the unit owes. If your unit has a Unit Account at the Scout Office and you want to apply those funds toward your renewal fees, contact Council to verify funds available.

Unless you approved electronically, get the Renewal Application signed by:

- The executive officer/institution head of the chartered organization. PLEASE NOTE that the paper Renewal Application should not be signed by the chartered organization representative. The COR can approve the electronic CRA in the new Internet Rechartering software.
- The unit leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, Team Coach or Ship Skipper) and
- The DE or Commissioner, as Council Representative.

Have the unit leader sign youth applications.

Have the unit CC and COR sign new adult applications.

**Review and submit everything to your UC** who will verify the charter renewal packet is ready for turn in. **Helpful tip:** It’s best to bring a blank check. UC will calculate/verify fees and then the unit can complete the check.

Note: Direct Service units pay fees online and submit the charter renewal package electronically to Direct Service@ncacbsa.org.

Turn in using the Charter Renewal Transmittal Envelope:
Charter Renewal Package Review

Commissioners conduct a detailed review of all packages to ensure they can be processed expeditiously by the Registrar. The UC needs the complete Renewal Application, not merely the E-Z Report to conduct the review. The UC will contact the CC and RP to resolve issues as required.

After the UC's review, the UC submits the package to the district commissioner or assistant for additional review. The DC submits packages to the DE to scan to the Registrar.

When the registrar processes charters for the new charter year, unit and member expiration dates are updated in Organization and Member Manager respectively.

Turn in all charter renewal packets (CRA, Youth and Adult Applications, YPT certificates, the check and the Annual Charter Agreement) to your UC. DO NOT take packages to the Marriott Scout Service Center.
Phase 4 – Raise the Colors: Recognition after Charters Post

Ceremony is important to individual and unit identity. Plan a charter presentation to acknowledge the sponsor’s and unit’s commitment to a new year of Scouting.

Ask your UC to officiate or participate in the charter presentation ceremony.

To print the charter certificate, follow these instructions:

Unit Key 3 leaders can print the charter certificate for their units by logging into http://my.scouting.org, Click on Menu > the unit > Organization Manager > click on the icon that looks like a membership card > click on the Open button at the bottom of the screen to display and print the certificate.

Verify you have a membership card for all adult and youth and that each is listed in my.Scouting Member Manager.

To print membership cards, follow these instructions:

Unit key 3 leaders can print membership cards for their units by logging into http://my.scouting.org, Click on Menu > the unit > Member Manager > select who you want to print a membership card for, and then click on the icon that looks like a membership card.

Distribute membership cards with panache – they represent membership in a national “club” and a worldwide movement.
CHARTER RENEWAL FEES

Calculate all fees using the NCAC Charter Renewal Transmittal Envelope. The fees calculated in UCRS should include registration and Boys’ Life fees submitted to National and NCAC supplemental insurance.

The unit charter fee is $40 per year. All units are required to pay this annual insurance fee.

- Adult Registration: $33* ($30.25* for former January Districts)
- Adult Insurance: $6
- Youth Registration: $33* ($30.25* for former January Districts)
- Youth Insurance: $6
- Boys’ Life Subscription: $12 ($11.00 for former January Districts)
- Transfers: There are no transfers during charter renewal.
- Multiples: $0
- Make checks payable to NCAC-BSA.
- Keep a copy of all forms you submit.

We strongly encourage all Cub and Scout BSA families subscribe to Boys’ Life (soon to be Scouts’ Life) magazine as the magazine is an important part of the unit’s program. A special ribbon and patch are awarded to units in which 100% of the families subscribe to Boys’ Life magazine.

*FEES UNDER REVIEW
TOP CHARTER RENEWAL MISTAKES

1. Forgetting about the 9-digit UNIT ACCESS CODE for Internet Rechartering. It is contained in the charter renewal letter send to each CC. If you can’t find it, contact your UC, DC, or DE.

2. Not selecting “FIRST TIME USER” the first time you log in.

3. Forgetting your password and delaying. If you forget your password, select “RETURNING USER,” then select Forgot Password? to have your password emailed to you.

4. Not PROOFREADING. Before you hit Submit, print a draft copy and check it over. If you find a typing error or other mistake after submitting, note it on the application so the registrar can fix the mistake!

5. Adult leaders with no or expired Youth Protection Training and Top Leaders not trained (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, Skipper). All adults must have current YPT. Leaders must take or renew required training.

6. Missing REQUIRED SIGNATURES on the CRA. You need THREE: unit leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, or Skipper), executive officer (aka institutional head) and council representative (commissioner or district professional).

7. Missing APPLICATIONS for new youth & adults added to your charter. If turned-in previously, but a name is not on the charter, submit a copy of the original application with the CRA.

8. Missing Social Security Numbers on new Adult Applications. You will neither see nor can enter a SSN online.

9. MULTIPLE REGISTRATIONS – An adult registered in more than one unit only pays ONCE and is shown as a MULTIPLE in all other positions. The COR and PC are the only adults who may multiple in the same unit.

10. Not adding $7.00 INSURANCE FEE for each paid member when turning in your Renewal Application.

11. KNOWING WHEN YOU ARE DONE - You are NOT done until you print the CRA, obtain required signatures, and turn-in the paperwork and money to your unit commissioner for a final review and the renewal is successfully processed by the Registrar. Complete the Charter Renewal Checklist from your Charter Renewal Transmittal Envelope to be sure!

12. LATE SUBMISSIONS. Turn in your packet on or before your District’s Turn-in Date.
**GLOSSARY**

**Chartered Organization Certification** - The Executive Officer of the Chartered Organization signs the CRA. This certifies that the organization has approved all registering adults. The CRA may be approved and certified electronically by the Chartered Organization Representative (COR).

During the year, responsibility for approval of adults can also be given to the Chartered Organization Representative.

The Chartered Organization certifies that all registered adults

- Subscribe to the Declaration of Religious Principle, Policy of Nondiscrimination, and the Scout Oath or Promise.
- Agree to be guided by the Charter, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America;
- Are U.S. Citizens (or have declared intention or are otherwise qualified.)

**Charter Fee** - All units are required to pay an annual charter fee of $40.00. This fee is submitted with the unit’s application and helps defray expenses of the general liability insurance program.

**Executive Officer** – Is also known as the Institutional Head (IH). There is no cost for this position.

**Multiple Registrations** - An adult who pays a registration fee in one unit (or a district or a council position) does **not** pay a registration fee in any additional unit. Youth members paid in one unit are **not** required to pay more than once.
ADULT POSITION CODES

Each adult position has a corresponding code used on the adult application. All adult positions may be male or female. The minimum age for each position is noted in the “Age” column.

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Tiger/Lion adult partners (AP/LP) complete the bottom portion of the youth application.
National BSA Member Care Contact Center 972-580-2489
NCAC Recharter Questions?
Contact your unit commissioner or district POC: see Charter Renewal Help
CC emails to ncac.recharter@ncacbsa.org

Direct Service Units, CC emails to DirectService@ncacbsa.org

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