



# South Plains Council

## Boy Scouts of America

# CHARTER RENEWAL GUIDE

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

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1. Select an adult leader to be the renewal processor for Internet Rechartering.
2. You can get a current unit roster with Youth Protection training dates from [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org).
3. Your unit Key 3 leaders can also access this information at [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org) using the Member Manager tool. Your unit key 3 are Committee Chair, Chartered Organization Representative, and Unit Leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, or Crew Advisor).
4. Review your roster so you know what changes and additions need to be made, and which applications need to be collected. Make sure all adult leaders have taken the NEW Youth Protection training. Any leader whose Youth Protection training was taken before February 1, 2018 will have expired September 30, 2018. All YPT should be updated before you turn in your recharter paperwork. Current and new adults WILL NOT be registered without the current YPT.
6. If you are adding any new youth or adults BEFORE charter renewal, make sure you obtain the appropriate signatures and turn in the original applications to the Council office as soon as possible. DONOTWAIT to turn in applications during your charter renewal. Youth and adults not properly registered are not part of the unit, not insured, not eligible for youth advancement and cannot participate in activities.



**IMPORTANT:** You are going to view and handle information confidential to your unit's members and the Boy Scouts of America. By working with this information, you accept the responsibility of maintaining the privacy and confidentiality of this information. You agree you will share this information only with individuals in your unit or the Boy Scouts of America. This information must never be shared outside of the Boy Scouts of America. If you cannot accept this responsibility, you must notify your unit Committee Chair and withdraw from seeing or working with these materials.

# TOP 6 RECHARTERING PROBLEMS

## 1. Missing or incomplete applications (adult and youth)

A completed BSA Membership application is required for every new unit a person joins, and for adults, every position held, with the exception of the Institutional Head (a.k.a. Executive Officer) and Adult Partners for Lions and Tigers. Adult applications are required to register new members ages 18 and up in all Packs, Troops, Teams, Crews and Ships.

A completed adult application must include the following: Full legal name (no nicknames), address, date of birth, a valid Social Security number, questions 1-6f, and signatures from the applicant (with initials where required), as well as the chartered organization representative's signature. It must also include the Background Check authorization form (the last page of the adult application), and a copy of the Youth Protection Training certificate (see #2 below).

A completed youth application must include the following: Full legal name (no nicknames), address, date of birth, parent signature, and unit leader signature (i.e., Cubmaster/Scoutmaster). Lions and Tigers must also have an Adult Partner with the adult's date of birth on the youth application.

## 2. Missing or outdated Youth Protection training for adults

Every adult registering with the Crossroads of America Council is required to complete a Youth Protection training course prior to registration, and every two years thereafter. Cub and Boy Scout leaders must have current Youth Protection training. This also includes Venturing Crew leaders and Venturing Participants ages 18-21. Current Youth Protection training is required of all adult leaders, new and returning, in order to recharter the unit. See "Youth Protection Training" on page 8 for more information.

## 3. Rechartering paperwork missing signatures (Executive Officer/Unit Leader)

The rechartering paperwork must have the signatures of the Executive Officer of the chartering organization (also known as the Institutional Head), and the Unit Leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Advisor, or Coach). Signatures must match the names of the persons holding those positions on the recharter.

## 4. No money or not enough money included for recharter fees

Rechartering fees are \$33 for each paid membership for youth and adults. There is no charge for multiples (youth or adults who have a paid membership in another unit). Boys' Life is \$12. Additionally, the council charges \$1 for each paid member for insurance, for youth, adults and Adult Partners.

## 5. Not enough required adult positions or more than one position listed for an adult

Units are required to have the following adult positions: Chartered Organization Representative, Committee Chairman; 2 Committee Members, and the Unit Leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, or Team Coach). A Parent Coordinator or Pack Trainer may count as a Committee Member. Additionally, a Pack must have at least one Den Leader. An adult leader may hold only one leadership position, except for the Chartered Organization Representative, who can multiple either as a Committee Member or the Committee Chairman.

## 6. Using a Mac or Apple Computer, non-compatible browsers, or dial-up internet connection

The Internet Rechartering program is based on Internet Explorer, a Windows-based program. Supported browsers are Internet Explorer versions 8-11, Chrome, and Firefox. It is not compatible with Mac or Apple computers or with other browsers. Non-compatible browsers or a dial-up connection will cause the system to return error messages or to freeze up entirely. For this reason, unit leaders should process their recharter on a PC or assign the task to someone from their unit who has a PC with a supported browser.

# INTERNET CHARTER RENEWAL INSTRUCTIONS

## Getting started:

Refer to the front page for your access code.

Your unit's charter is accessible online 90 days before your unit's charter expiration date. For most units in our council, the Internet Rechartering System opens up October 1 and the charter expires on December 31.

1. Login to the council website ([www.southplainscouncil.org](http://www.southplainscouncil.org)) and select Resources on the home page, then Rechartering and BeginYourRecharter.
2. Click on First-Time User, even if you have used the system in a previous year. Every year you are a first-time user because the Unit Access Code differs from year to year.
3. Enter the Unit Access Code, unit type (Pack, Troop, Team, Crew) and your unit number. Unit number must be 4 digits - add zeroes as necessary (ex.; Troop 11 is entered as 0011.).
4. Create your password and click Register.
5. If you've never used the Internet Rechartering system, or if you have a fuzzy memory from the previous year, it is recommended that you click on the Tutorial button.
6. Complete the information requested on each screen (following the tabs at the top). You can stop at any time, log off the system and begin again where you left off by re-entering your access code and password as a returning user. You can also go back to a previous screen by clicking on that tab.
7. If you have turned in applications to the council for new members since beginning the rechartering process, click on UpdateUnitRoster to download current council information (in Stage 2, Step 2).
8. Do not change a youth's grade unless it is incorrect in the system as of that day. BSA's database system will automatically advance all youth grades in early June (called a "grade rollover"). Your roster should reflect the status of your unit at the time of rechartering, not what it will be at a future date.
9. Transfers do not apply at Charter Renewal, they are considered new members. Do not mark a member as a transfer.

Questions? See "How Do I..." and FAQs on page 4.

## Wrapping it up:

1. When you have completed all the information to recharter the unit click Roster Review and check for accuracy.
2. Once everything is correct, hit the Submit button.
3. Print out all pages of the Unit Charter Renewal Report Package. If you have no manual changes to make to the paperwork, you can print out the shorter Summary Report. If you want a copy for your records, print out 2 copies.
4. Get paperwork signed by the Unit Leader and Institutional Head (Executive Officer).
5. Include youth and adult applications if prompted (on first page of the Charter Renewal Package).
6. Turn in the entire packet at the district turn-in night or to the council offices, along with money for the rechartering fees. Include the first (cover) sheet of the packet, even if it is blank. The fee worksheet is on page 6 of this guide.

## HOW DO I...

### Select members from another unit or change a youth to an adult leader?

Stage2, Step3 (UpdateRoster/PromoteMembers). When you click Promote you will see a Unit Selection screen that will display any units that are chartered to the same organization as your unit. If you are in a unit eligible to convert youth members into adult leaders (troop, team, crew, and ship only) you will see your own unit listed also. If you are promoting a member from youth to adult or from another unit you must have an application to register them (consider them new members). Make certain that youth members converting to adult leaders are not in the process of obtaining their Eagle rank; if so, leave them on as youth members (you will get a warning, but you can still proceed).

### Add new members?

Stage2, Step4 (UpdateRoster/AddNewMembers). You must have their completed applications before you begin this process. Complete new adults first (review adult applications for age requirements) and then add new youth (review youth applications for age and grade requirements). You must enter an ethnic background (if not provided select not provided). Enter and confirm new registrants' information to ensure accuracy. DO NOT enter a new member if you do not have an application.

### Change someone's contact information or position?

Stage2, Step5 (Update Roster/Update Members). Review member data and make necessary changes to member records (i.e. address, phone number, position, etc.). DO NOT change a name; if the information is incorrect note it on the print out after you submit the final version. Use the remove selection to delete a member from the renewal.

### Mark someone as a multiple?

Stage4, Step1 (Summary/Update Fees). Select Update to the left of the name, select member paid in another unit and complete the requested information. The renewal processor should verify with the member which unit is their primary registration.

### Add Boys' Life for someone?

Stage4, Step1 (Summary/Update Fees). To add a Boys' Life subscription, select Update to the left of the name and check Boys' Life. All paying adults receive Scouting magazine. Do not select Boys' Life unless they want to receive both magazines. Please click the Boys' Life button to verify and select 100% Boys' Life recognition for your unit.

## FAQs

### Why doesn't the fee summary on the paperwork include the insurance?

The Unit Charter Renewal Report is submitted through the National Office's records. The \$1 insurance per member is a local Council charge, so it is not included in the fee recap.

### Why do I need applications for someone who is already registered in another unit?

BSA policy states that a youth or adult must have a membership application for every unit that the person belongs to, even if this person is registered as paid in another unit.

### Will the system let me know if there are errors with my charter?

Yes, the system will prompt you if there is a critical error with your charter (i.e., if you are missing a key position such as a unit leader, committee chair, etc.). Any text displayed in red is the system's way of making you notice issues that require your attention or further action. Warnings you can process through; errors must be corrected or you will not be able to submit the charter.

### What do I do if I completely and totally mess up during the rechartering process?

Everything is fixable!!! As long as the charter has not been submitted online, council registrars can reset a unit's rechartering process so that leaders can start from scratch, as if no one has ever been in the system. Call the Council office at (806) 747-2631 and ask to speak to one of the registrars.

# FEES

All youth members and adult leaders who are recruited in the fall should be registered with the council BEFORE BEGINNING the online recharter process. If you have new members that you are adding to the charter, please add the following pro-rated fees to the Charter Renewal fees. This will allow us to register your new members before year-end. Please ensure that you have completed applications for your new members, and that adult leaders have completed Youth Protection training.

## PRO-RATED FEES

OCTOBER	\$8.25 registration	\$3.00 Boys' Life
NOVEMBER	\$5.50 registration	\$2.00 Boys' Life
DECEMBER	\$2.75 registration	Boys' Life not available for one month

## ANNUAL RECHARTER FEES

Annual membership fees for youth and adults are \$33.00 for registration, \$1.00 for insurance and \$12.00 for Boys' Life (optional). Adult Partners (AP) who are not leaders do not pay a registration fee, but do pay the insurance fee. If they accept another adult leader position, they must complete an adult application and pay the registration fees.

There is no charge for the Institution Head (IH). If the IH accepts another leadership position then they must complete an adult application and pay the registration and insurance fees.

Adults or youth members who have paid their primary registration fee elsewhere in the South Plains Council (e.g. another unit, district or council-level) are considered "multiple" registrations and do not pay registration or insurance fees again.

Council Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan: Accident & Sickness Insurance is provided for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Explorers and adult volunteer leaders registered in the council and covers them for accidents and sickness (as well as accidental death and dismemberment) while participating in any official Scouting activity. This coverage is applied for by the council and is in effect on an annual basis. The \$1.00 per person insurance fee charged at charter renewal time goes toward the purchasing of this insurance. The plan is administered by Health Special Risk, Inc. Charter renewal software does not automatically include the Council's mandatory insurance fees, so the charter renewal processor must manually add the fees for all youth, adults, and Adult Partners who are registering in the unit.

# FEE WORKSHEET

## For all Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, and Venturing Crews

Annual Charter Renewal	Fee	Quantity	Total
Youth Membership	\$33.00		
Adult Membership	\$33.00		
Adult Partners	\$0.00		\$0.00
Boys' Life (both youth and adults)	\$12.00		
Accident and Sickness Insurance: Primary Youth and Adult Members (including Adult Partners)	\$1.00		
Unit Liability Insurance Fee	\$40.00	1	\$40.00
<b>Total</b>			

## Pro-Rated Fees for New Members

	Fee	Quantity	Total
October	\$8.25		
November	\$5.50		
December	\$2.75		
Boys' Life (October)	\$3.00		
Boys' Life (November)	\$2.00		
<b>Grand Total</b>			

Make checks payable to South Plains Council.  
Be sure that your District name, unit information and "recharter" appears on the check.

# CHARTER RENEWAL CHECKLIST

## Charter renewal signatures:

- Executive Officer/Institutional Head of Sponsoring organization.
- Council Representative (District Executive) can be obtained at turn-in.
- Unit Leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor)

## Required Adult members

- Executive Officer
- Chartered Organization Representative – The only person who can hold more than one position in a unit; he or she can serve as a committee chairman or a member of committee.
- Committee Chairman
- Minimum of 2 Committee members (New Member Coordinator or Pack Trainer counts as a committee member)
- Unit Leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor)
- Cub Packs must also have at least one of the following:
  - Tiger Den Leader, Den Leader, OR Webelos Den Leader
  - Adult partner for every registered Lion and Tiger. \*Fee and adult application is NOT required for this position, as this is not a registered position.\*
- Packs/Troops should also have at least one:
  - Assistant Cubmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster (required to qualify for the Journey to Excellence Award [JTE])
- Crews should also have at least one:
  - Associate Advisor (required to qualify for the Journey to Excellence Award [JTE])

## Youth members

- Verify Name, Address, Grade and rank for each registered youth
- Verify Boys' Life Subscription for each youth.
- Packs
  - If a Lion, verify Adult Partner information is complete. A Lion must be 5 or 6 years old and in kindergarten.
  - If a Tiger, verify Adult Partner information is complete. A Tiger must be under age 8, have completed kindergarten or be in the first grade or be age 7.
  - A Cub Scout must have completed first grade but not completed third grade or be age 8 or 9.
  - A Webelos Scout must have completed third grade but not completed fifth grade, or be age 10 but not yet 11 ½.
- Troops
  - All Boy Scouts must have completed the fifth grade and be at least 10 years old, or be age 11, or have earned the Arrow of Light Award and be at least 10 years old, but have not reached age 18.
- Venturing Crews
  - All Venturing Crew youth participants must be 14 years of age, or 13 years and have completed the eighth grade. The maximum age for youth participation is under 21 years. Venturing participants ages 18-21 must complete an adult application and Venturing Youth Protection training and undergo a criminal background check, but are still considered youth members until age 21.

# YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

Every adult registering with the South Plains Council is required to complete a Youth Protection training course prior to registration, and every two years thereafter. Current Youth Protection training is required of all adult leaders, new and returning, in order to recharter the unit.

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TOTAKEYOUHPROTECTIONTRAINING: Go to My.Scouting.org and create an account. You'll receive an email notification with your account information, including a member ID/Reference number.

From the My.Scouting.org portal, click Home then My Dashboard from the menu list. The My Training page displays to take Youth Protection training. Upon completion, you may print a training certificate to submit with a volunteer application. Your training will automatically be updated in our system and associated with the member ID/reference numbers issued when you created the account.

If you have any questions regarding Youth Protection training, please contact the South Plains Council by phone at (806) 747-2631 or visit us online at [www.southplainscouncil.org](http://www.southplainscouncil.org).

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To find out more about the Youth Protection policies of the Boy Scouts of America and how to help Scouting keep your family safe, see the Parent's Guide in any of the Cub Scouting or Boy Scouting handbooks, or go to <http://www.scouting.org/YouthProtection>.

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Thank you again for volunteering and for your commitment to our young people and to Scouting.



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