



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Greater Niagara Frontier Council

Dear Unit Leaders,

The information listed below is to assist the person responsible for completing the charter renewal process for your unit. Additional information is also available at your District's Roundtable and on the Greater Niagara Frontier Council's website www.wnyscouting.org/rechartering

To access the Unit Charter Renewal System (UCRS)

Go to: www.wnyscouting.org/rechartering (On the Council home page click on the link (middle of the page) for "Internet Rechartering".

Required documents to turn in at the council in order to finalize the renewal process:

1. All pages of the Unit Charter Renewal Report Package (no draft copies please).
2. BSA Adult or Youth applications for everyone listed as "new" on page one of the Charter Renewal Report Package. Adult applications MUST include a signed Disclosure/Authorization form.
3. Youth Protection Training Certificates - YPT is available online at <http://my.scouting.org>
4. If your unit is not paying online, one check for all renewal fees, made payable to Greater Niagara Frontier Council.
5. Annual Charter Agreement: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/membership/pdf/524-182_web.pdf

Please remember to update address, emails and phone numbers for all Youth & Adults prior to submitting Charter online.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Membership fees have increased for 2021:
 - Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA & Venturing Youth - \$66
 - Exploring Youth & All Adults - \$42
 - Insurance Fee - \$6
 - Council Fee - \$24
 - Annual Renewal Charter Fee - \$75
 - New Youth Member Fee - \$25 (for new youth to BSA, does not apply to new Explorer youth)
- The final paperwork must include appropriate signatures on all individual adult and youth applications and on the Charter Renewal Application. The lack of appropriate signatures may delay processing of your charter renewal.
- Youth Protection Training is required for all adult leaders and must be completed every two years. Please confirm that every adult leader has current YPT *before* turning in the final renewal paperwork.
- Units that have not completed their unit renewal by December 31, 2020 must stop all Scouting activity until the renewal is completed.

Other documents to be turned-in (found at: www.wnyscouting.org/rechartering):

Journey to Excellence Form & Annual Charter Agreement

Additional useful forms (Membership Inventory, Unit Budget Plan, New Youth & Adult Applications, etc.) may be found on scouting.org: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/Forms.aspx> and can be printed and used to assist in the completion of your unit's 2021 charter renewal.

If you have any questions concerning the re-chartering process, please call or email your District Professional:

Onondaga: Bob Blatz (716)512-6215 Bob.Blatz@scouting.org

Polaris: Brandon Blatz (716)512-6214 Brandon.Blatz@scouting.org

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ALL CHARTERS ARE DUE IN THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30, 2020

Submit your charter renewal: at Council/District Recharter Nights in November (dates to be emailed by end of October, dates will be posted online at www.WNYScouting.org) or at the Council Service Center during business hours of 9am to 5pm Mondays – Fridays (please call to setup an appointment with your District Professional).



2021 Re-Charter Check List



☐ Does the unit have the correct number of Adult Leadership Positions

- Packs: IH, CR, CC, MC(2 or more), CM, DL(1 or more)
- Troops: IH, CR, CC, MC(2 or more), SM
- Crews: IH, CR, CC, MC(2 or more), NL
- Ships: IH, CR, CC, MC(2 or more), SK

☐ Review & Update **ALL** Address, Phone & Emails for all returning Adults & Youth prior to submitting online

☐ Please make sure that **All Adults** on Charter are current with Youth Protection Training

☐ Review Draft prior to final submission

☐ Print Final Submitted Online Charter with the following signatures:

☐ Chartered Organizational Head or Charter Organization Representative and Unit Leader (if not approved online by the Chartered Organizational Head or Charter Organization Representative)

☐ New applications & fees: See pro-rated chart for Fees

Number of Youth _____ X \$ _____ = _____

Number of Adults _____ X \$ _____ = _____

☐ New Member Applications (youth & adults) with proper signatures (Youth Application: unit leader; Adult Application: chartered organization head or representative)

☐ Youth Protection Documentation (**if flagged on charter**)

☐ Journey to Excellence Form (**filled out & signed by the Unit Leader & Committee Chair**)

☐ NEW Background Disclosure Authorization Form if required

☐ Annual Unit Charter Agreement Form (**signed by the chartered organization head & representative**)

☐ Fees for Charter Renewal (**please note new fees for 2021**)

Please bring this check list with you at time of your Charter Turn-In

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Greater Niagara Frontier Council, BSA

2860 Genesee St. Buffalo, NY 14225 (716) 891-4073

Annual Recharter Fees Summary (for registration through 2021)

Please note: This form must be turned in with your Recharter Paperwork!

Pack / Troop / Crew / Ship / Post # _____ District _____

Registration

Youth _____ x \$66.00 = \$ _____

Explorer Youth _____ x \$42.00 = \$ _____

Adult Leaders _____ x \$42.00 = \$ _____

Total Registration \$ _____

Accident Insurance

Youth & Adult _____ x \$6.00 = \$ _____

Total Insurance \$ _____

Council Fee

Youth & Adult _____ x \$24.00 = \$ _____

Total Council Fee \$ _____

Boy's Life Magazine

Youth Subscriptions _____ x \$12.00 = \$ _____

Adult Subscriptions _____ x \$12.00 = \$ _____

Total Subscriptions \$ _____

New Applications (Current Charter Year 2020)

See Pro-Rated Fee Chart (add \$25 for New Youth Members)

Youth _____ x _____ = \$ _____

Adult _____ x _____ = \$ _____

Total New Applications \$ _____

Unit Charter Fee \$ **75.00**

**Add the boxes together for
TOTAL FEES DUE at Recharter**

\$ _____

Money on Account \$ _____

**Make checks payable to
GNFC**

Check No. _____

**Authorization to deduct
fees from Unit Account**

X _____

NOTE: It is recommended that you not fill in the check amount until all calculations have been checked when Charter is turned in.

THE ANNUAL UNIT CHARTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN:

_____ and the _____ Council, BSA
Chartered Organization Local Council

Pack No. _____ Troop No. _____ Crew No. _____ Ship No. _____

(Please identify those units chartered by the Chartered Organization.)

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) program is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values and principles taught in the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

The Chartered Organization, as a duly constituted organization that serves youth, desires to use the program(s) of the BSA to further its mission respecting the youth it supports. The Local Council provides the support and service necessary to help the Chartered Organization succeed in its use of Scouting.

The Chartered Organization agrees to:

- Use Scouting to further the Chartered Organization's aims and values for youth.
- Chartered organizations must utilize the Scouting program to accomplish specific objectives related to one or more of the following:
 - o Youth character development
 - o Career skill development
 - o Community service
 - o Patriotism and military and veteran recognition
 - o Faith-based youth ministry
- Conduct the Scouting program consistent with BSA rules, regulations, and policies. They may be found on the My.Scouting website and at the following location: www.scouting.org/about/membership-standards/.
- Chartered organizations must not use the Scouting program to pursue any objectives related to political or social advocacy, including partisan politics, support or opposition to government action, or controversial legal, political, or social issues or causes.
- Be represented in the Local Council and the local Scouting district by a Chartered Organization Representative (COR), who will be appointed by the Chartered Organization. The COR will be the point of contact between the Chartered Organization and the Local Council; will serve as a voting member of district and council committees on which the COR serves; and will, with the Chartered Organization, select and approve volunteer leaders for submission to the Local Council for its consideration. The COR will work with the unit committees sponsored by the Chartered Organization.
- Support unit committee(s) made up of at least three persons for each unit.

- Assure that adults selected as unit leaders are suitable by, at a minimum, having the appropriate leaders of the Chartered Organization review and sign each application.
- Ensure appropriate facilities for the unit for its regular meetings to facilitate the aims of the Chartered Organization and Scouting.
- Encourage adult leaders to receive additional applicable training made available by the council.

The Local Council agrees to:

- Respect the aims and objectives of the Chartered Organization and assist the Chartered Organization by making available Scouting resources.
- Make available to the Chartered Organization and its units and members program training, program resources, and other Scouting support services.
- Make available training and support for the Chartered Organization and for the COR, the primary link between the Chartered Organization, the Local Council, and the BSA. Track and require all unit leaders to attend BSA Youth Protection Training.
- Conduct criminal background checks on adult leaders approved by the Chartered Organization.
- Provide camping opportunities, administrative support, and professional staff to assist the Chartered Organization in developing a successful Scouting program.
- Provide primary general liability insurance to cover the Chartered Organization, its board, officers, COR, employees, and Scouting members and volunteers for authorized Scouting activities. Indemnify the Chartered Organization in accordance with the resolutions and policies of the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America.

Signed _____
For the chartered organization

Title _____ Date _____

Signed _____
For the BSA local council

Title _____ Date _____

Signed _____
Chartered Organization Representative

Title _____ Date _____



Annual Meeting With Chartered Organization

The annual meeting between the executive officer of a chartered organization and the district professional, or in appropriate cases his or her designee, should be scheduled at least 90 days prior to the renewal date of the unit's charter. If problems in renewing the unit's charter are anticipated or there is significant corrective action needed, the discussion should be held early enough to allow time to take positive corrective action before the renewal deadline.

The meeting must be a face-to-face discussion, as the concept of working together is central to mutual long-term success.

1. Chartered organizations must use the Scouting program to accomplish their objectives in a manner consistent with the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, guidelines, policies, and other publications available on the BSA national website located at www.scouting.org/about/membership-standards/.
 - o The Charter and Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America
 - o The Mission of the Boy Scouts of America
 - o The Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America
 - o The Scout Oath and the Scout Law, including Duty to God
 - o BSA youth protection policies and guidelines, including mandatory reporting
 - o *The Guide to Safe Scouting*
 - o The Sweet Sixteen of BSA Safety
 - o Scouter Code of Conduct
2. Chartered organizations must not use their chartered organization affiliation or the Scouting brand as a means to imply Scouting's endorsement of the objectives of their organization except with respect to youth development consistent with the goals and objectives of the Scouting program.
3. Chartered organizations must not use the Scouting program to obtain financial support or assistance except as authorized for the chartered unit.

All new organizations applying for a charter must have an approved code issued by the National Council. As a private organization, the Boy Scouts of America is the sole arbiter of whether it will issue a charter to any organization. The Boy Scouts of America may deny a charter for any reason or revoke a previously issued charter for failure to abide by these guidelines.

See other side for charter agreement.

Greater Niagara Frontier Council

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

Participants in kindergarten through age 20.



National BSA Membership Fee	Council Insurance Fee	Council Program Fee	Total Registration Fee
\$66	\$6	\$24	\$96



All Registered Adults (Unit & Non-Unit)
- and -

All Registered Explorers (Youth & Adults)

National BSA Membership Fee	Council Insurance Fee	Council Program Fee	Total Registration Fee
\$42	\$6	\$24	\$72

NEW-MEMBER JOINING FEE

ONE-TIME
\$25
TO JOIN

Same flat fee no matter when you join during the year. (no prorating)
New members pay joining fee 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 RECHARTER FEE

\$75/YR For all new and rechartering units.

New National Membership Fee, One-Time To Join Fee & New Unit Fee
- Effective August 1, 2020 -

Council Program Fee - Effective January 1, 2021

Pro-Rated Registration Chart (as of 8/1/20)

All Youth Except Exploring Youth (see next chart)

New Members: One-Time To Join Fee - \$25 (no prorating)

	Registration	Insurance	Boys Life	Total Registration with Boys Life	Total Registration without Boys Life
August	\$27.50	\$2.50	\$5.00	\$35.00	\$30.00
September	\$22.00	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$28.00	\$24.00
October	\$16.50	\$1.50	\$3.00	\$21.00	\$18.00
November	\$11.00	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$14.00	\$12.00
December	\$5.50	\$0.50	n/a	\$6.00	\$6.00

All Adults & Exploring Youth (as of 8/1/20)

	Registration	Insurance	Boys Life	Total Registration with Boys Life	Total Registration without Boys Life
August	\$17.50	\$2.50	\$5.00	\$25.00	\$20.00
September	\$14.00	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$20.00	\$16.00
October	\$10.50	\$1.50	\$3.00	\$15.00	\$12.00
November	\$7.00	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$10.00	\$8.00
December	\$3.50	\$0.50	n/a	\$4.00	\$4.00

Pro-Rated Registration Chart (as of 1/1/21)

All Youth Except Exploring Youth (see next chart)

New Members: One-Time To Join Fee - \$25 (no prorating)

	Registration	Insurance	Council Fee	Boys Life	Total Registration with Boys Life	Total Registration without Boys Life
January	\$66.00	\$6.00	\$24.00	\$12.00	\$108.00	\$96.00
February	\$60.50	\$5.50	\$22.00	\$11.00	\$99.00	\$88.00
March	\$55.00	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$90.00	\$80.00
April	\$49.50	\$4.50	\$18.00	\$9.00	\$81.00	\$72.00
May	\$44.00	\$4.00	\$16.00	\$8.00	\$72.00	\$64.00
June	\$38.50	\$3.50	\$14.00	\$7.00	\$63.00	\$56.00
July	\$33.00	\$3.00	\$12.00	\$6.00	\$54.00	\$48.00
August	\$27.50	\$2.50	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$45.00	\$40.00
September	\$22.00	\$2.00	\$8.00	\$4.00	\$36.00	\$32.00
October	\$16.50	\$1.50	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$27.00	\$24.00
November	\$11.00	\$1.00	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$18.00	\$16.00
December	\$5.50	\$0.50	\$2.00	n/a	\$8.00	\$8.00

All Adults & Exploring Youth (as of 1/1/21)

	Registration	Insurance	Council Fee	Boys Life	Total Registration with Boys Life	Total Registration without Boys Life
January	\$42.00	\$6.00	\$24.00	\$12.00	\$84.00	\$72.00
February	\$38.50	\$5.50	\$22.00	\$11.00	\$77.00	\$66.00
March	\$35.00	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$70.00	\$60.00
April	\$31.50	\$4.50	\$18.00	\$9.00	\$63.00	\$54.00
May	\$28.00	\$4.00	\$16.00	\$8.00	\$56.00	\$48.00
June	\$24.50	\$3.50	\$14.00	\$7.00	\$49.00	\$42.00
July	\$21.00	\$3.00	\$12.00	\$6.00	\$42.00	\$36.00
August	\$17.50	\$2.50	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$35.00	\$30.00
September	\$14.00	\$2.00	\$8.00	\$4.00	\$28.00	\$24.00
October	\$10.50	\$1.50	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$21.00	\$18.00
November	\$7.00	\$1.00	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$14.00	\$12.00
December	\$3.50	\$0.50	\$2.00	n/a	\$6.00	\$6.00