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To all Unit Key 3,

New Internet Recharter System

Internet Rechartering will open on October 15, 2021. To improve systems and increase speed and efficiency in processes, the current Internet Recharter system will be phased out. All units with a charter expiration date of December 31, 2021, and beyond **must be submitted through the new system** located in Internet Advancement 2.0 (<https://advancements.scouting.org>). Additional information and training can be found at <https://www.scouting.org/resources/internet-rechartering>.

The Unit Key 3 will have access to Internet Rechartering and a designee can be assigned to have access, only if they have completed the training referenced in the previous paragraph. Access Internet rechartering through Internet Advancement using your Scoutbook Account Login Credentials.

Membership Registration Fee Increase -- Unit Discount Available

The Boy Scouts of America has worked to keep the annual membership fee as low as possible, but with rising operating costs, the fee will be increased to maintain the program.

On August 1, 2021, the membership fee for Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouting participants increased \$6, from \$66 to **\$72**. The one-time \$25 joining fee for new participants in these programs will still be required. Fees for all adult volunteers increased from \$42 to **\$45**. That includes the cost of a background check done by the National Council. Additionally, there is a **\$12 insurance fee per year for each youth and adult, which remain the same**.

To assist our units, PTAC will offer a unit discount as part of our 2022 Charter Renewal. This year there will be 2 different options to qualify for this discount.

- **The first option:** If a unit submits a clean (no errors) Charter by 5 pm on Dec. 1st, the unit qualifies for a \$6 discount on insurance for each registered youth and adult.
- **The second option:** If a unit submits a clean (no errors) Charter by 5 pm on Dec. 30th, the unit qualifies for a \$3 discount on insurance for each registered youth and adult.

After your unit has submitted their charter renewal online, you will need to submit a hard copy to your District Executive. *Please remember, **DO NOT PAY** your Charter Renewal online. If you pay your charter renewal online, then your unit will not qualify for the unit discount.*

What to bring to the Council Service Center?

1. Your Payment. **Do not pay online.**
2. Any Criminal Background Checks (CBC) signed.
3. All new Youth and Adult Applications.
4. Completed YPT certificates for any expired adults.

Scouting remains a valuable investment. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, when Scouts were required to stay home, they still learned skills that will benefit them for the rest of their lives. They still helped those in need. They still became leaders in their units and communities. Scouting is needed now in America, just as much as it was in 1910. If you have any questions, please contact your Unit Commissioner or District Executive.

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