

Over the last few months, Boy Scouts of America (BSA) programs have come together, even while physically apart, to bring solutions and comfort to those in need. From making face masks to supporting food banks, Scouting has been a vital partner for businesses and neighborhoods across America and here at home in the Triad. The value of Scouting is undeniable to those in our programs and many others in our communities. BSA remains committed to delivering life-changing Scouting experiences to young people and families nationwide. However, additional financial resources are necessary to make this happen. The BSA National Office has worked to keep youth and adult membership fees as low as possible. Unfortunately, operating costs have continued to rise and COVID-19 has compounded the need to increase fees to deliver the promise of Scouting.

The locally collected BSA National membership fee helps pay for essential services such as websites and marketing; liability insurance for youth and adults participating in approved Scouting activities; youth protection training and resources; and other support to local Scouting in Old North State Council. Fees collected by BSA National will also be used to improve/maintain online registration and Scoutbook, and support partnerships and community impact initiatives like the [National Camp-In](#) and the [Scout Salute](#) with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Effective August 1, 2020 (for the 2020-2021 program year), the membership fees will be:

- \$66 for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts participants
- \$42 for Exploring participants
- \$42 for all adult volunteers (includes cost of background check)
- \$75 for a unit charter/sponsor fee

Note: For members rechartering/renewing their annual BSA membership presently through September 30, 2020, the new fees will take effect on October 1, 2020.

Also, starting August 1, 2020, there will also be a one-time \$25 joining fee for new program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts. However, there is no joining fee for Exploring participants, participants previously registered in any BSA program, those transferring from one program to another, or adult volunteers.

Scouting remains one of the more valuable investments we can make in young men and women today so they can become the leaders we will turn to tomorrow. Dedicated volunteers like you, our staff, and our Scouting families make this possible. Thank you for your continued commitment to the Boy Scouts of America and the youth we proudly serve.