



BSA National Membership Fees Change

BSA's emergence from bankruptcy represents a pivotal milestone in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA)'s financial restructuring case and solidifies a path forward for survivors and the Scouting movement.

To preserve its mission, the BSA has had to take some extraordinary steps over the past three years to reposition the organization for the future. The BSA has streamlined its professional staff and volunteer structure, reducing costs throughout the movement while maintaining essential services to support the local councils who were critical partners during the bankruptcy.

To position Scouting for the future, the BSA will be required to increase the national annual membership fees for both youth and adults. This has been a difficult decision that involved the engagement of key stakeholders, but is essential to building a strong, safe, and vibrant Scouting program for our nation's youth.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE -Effective August 1, 2023

\$80 / Year (\$5 increase)	Youth Participants in Kindergarten through Age 20 Cub Scouts, SBSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts
\$60 / Year (\$15 increase)	For all adult volunteers in unit and non-unit positions Cub Scouts, SBSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts
\$25 / Once (No increase)	Only for new <u>youth</u> members. Flat fee regardless of when joining Cub Scouts, SBSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts
\$21 / Year (No Change)	Council Program Fee – Youth and Adults Cub Scouts, SBSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts
\$50 / Year (\$5 increase)	Exploring youth and adults
\$25 / Year (New Fee)	For Merit Badge Counselors not already registered as leaders. MB counselors cannot count towards 2-deep leadership for units

OTHER RELATED FEES -Effective August 1, 2023

\$100 / Year (\$5 increase)	Annual chartering fee for all new and rechartering units
\$15 / Year (\$3 increase)	Scout Life Magazine

All new youth and adult members who join Scouting will be enrolled in a 12-month membership cycle, The BSA and Council will no longer prorate fees. The annual membership fee will renew on the anniversary date of joining Scouting. Each registered member will receive an email notice with a registration renewal link beginning 60 days before the anniversary date they joined Scouting. Unit leaders will receive a copy of the email and should stay engaged in the membership renewal process just like rechartering.

This new process will help streamline the rechartering and membership renewal process for units and councils.

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