

Part 1: BSA Membership

Beginning August 1, 2023, all new youth and adult members who join Scouting will be enrolled in a 12-month membership cycle. At this time, the BSA ceased prorating fees. Both youth and adults will pay the full annual membership fee and renew their membership on the anniversary date of joining Scouting.

Each registered member of the BSA will receive an email notification with a registration renewal link beginning 60 days before the anniversary month 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 change will have some minor impact this fall's rechartering process – only regarding how new members are listed. However, the rechartering process that we work on next fall will be quite different, as the renewal of individual registrations will no longer be part of the charter renewal process.

Part 2: Recharter Process (for this fall)

What's New?

Very little is new. The unit charter renewal process and the Internet Recharter system will be very similar to last year.

As referenced above, the one change is that pro-rated memberships have been eliminated. Any new members who joined this fall will be members for a 12-month period beginning on the day they join. In the Internet Recharter system this Fall, a \$0.00 fee will be shown for those members.

Recharter Timeline

The timeline is unchanged from last year. The Internet Recharter system is expected to become available on or about October 1. Unit charter renewal applications and payment are to be submitted **no later than November 15**.

Resources

There are many resources, including a user guide, available at <https://www.scouting.org/resources/internet-rechartering/>

Note: This is also where units go to log on to the internet recharter system.

The BSA national office has prepared an FAQ (titled “2023 Annual Membership Fee Updates) which goes into greater detail on the membership changes, but it should be consulted after the items above have been reviewed.