



Cost of BSA Registration for Scouts and Scouters in 2023-24

The BSA, to ensure that they have the resources to fulfill the promise of Scouting, has updated (increased) the national membership (registration) fee for the 2023-24 Scouting program year. The new registration fees are as follows:

Effective **August 1, 2023**, the BSA will implement the following national membership fees which were approved by the National Executive Committee:

- **\$80** for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting participants
- **\$60** for all adult volunteers
- **\$25** one-time joining fee for new program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting
- **\$30** for Scoutreach
- **\$25** for Merit Badge Counselors (New Fee applies only for Merit Badge Counselors not already registered as leaders)
- **\$50** for Exploring participants (youth & adult)
- **\$100** for a unit charter/affiliation fee
- **\$15** for *Scout Life* magazine

New Annual Membership Fee Process Announced – BSA Will No Longer Prorate Fees for New Members beginning August 1, 2023

Beginning August 1, 2023, all new youth and adult members who join Scouting will be enrolled in a 12-month membership cycle and BSA will cease prorating fees. Both youth and adults will pay the full annual membership fee and will renew their membership on the anniversary date of joining Scouting. All proration of membership fees will be eliminated. Each registered member of the BSA 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.

These registration fees are not part of the Scouting unit's operational budget – these fees go to BSA National, and it is important that this distinction is made and understood. Packs, troops, and crews likely have their own dues or operating expenses that they expect to receive from their Scouting families. The packs should also provide a means of fundraising (Trail's End popcorn, Christmas wreaths, mulch sales) to help their families defray the cost of Scouting.

American Legion Posts and Sons of the American Legion Squadrons typically cover the annual Charter fee cost (\$100 in 2023) on behalf of their Scouting units.