



## National BSA Fee Chart

- **\$80** for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting participants + **\$25** one-time join fee for NEW participants + **\*\$6** Bay Area Council Insurance fee **(Updated!)**
- **\$60** for all adult volunteers + **\*\$6** Bay Area Council Insurance fee **(Updated!)**
- **\$50** for Exploring participants Youth & Adult + **\*\$6** Bay Area Council Insurance fee **(Updated!)**
- **\$25** for Merit Badge Counselors not registered in a unit
- **\$100** Unit Charter fee
- **\$15** for *Scout Life* magazine (optional)

*\*This increase is to match what National already had in place. It is not per the Bay Area Council.*

## Summary of Key Updates

<p><b>Existing Members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALL Bay Area Council Units expire 12/31/2023, therefore, you will complete the recharter cycle the same as last year. (For the 2023-24 year only.)</li> <li>• Moving forward, unit charter renewal and individual membership renewal will be separate processes.</li> <li>• Every member will renew their membership on their anniversary month. *Everyone currently registered will have a membership anniversary date of 12/31. New members joining August 2023 and after, will have a different anniversary renewal month.</li> <li>• Each member will receive an email renewal notice reminder beginning 60 days before the anniversary month.</li> </ul> <p><b>New Members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning August 1, 2023, all NEW youth and adult members will join for a 12 month membership cycle. Both youth and adults will pay the full annual membership fee to join Scouting and will renew their membership on the anniversary month of joining.</li> <li>• Each member of the BSA will receive an email notice with a registration renewal link beginning 60 days before the anniversary month of joining.</li> </ul> <p><b>Merit Badge Counselors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning in August 2023, Merit Badge Counselors who are NOT REGISTERED as an adult leader in a unit will pay an annual \$25 fee.</li> <li>• Merit Badge Counselors are not registered in a unit position and therefore are not allowed to attend overnight Scouting activities/events.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Role of the Unit in Annual Membership Renewal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Units WILL BE able to choose to pay renewals for all members, this option will block the online payment by the parent.</li> <li>• Units will be able to opt out of a member so as not to pay for someone who has quit.</li> <li>• Units will get notifications via email for members to be renewed and members who have renewed.</li> <li>• Renewal status will show on the unit roster.</li> <li>• Units will have access to reporting in My.Scouting for members due to renew, members renewed, and members dropped (opt-out.)</li> </ul> <p><b>Unit Role in Charter Renewal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unit Charter Renewal will be simplified and streamlined. The unit will validate the leadership and YPT requirements, validate the membership requirements, and pay the Unit Charter fee. This can be done by one of the unit Key-3 leaders.</li> </ul>
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*\*There is a one-month lapse period. Those who fail to renew their membership will need to complete a new application for membership.*

*\*You are not covered by insurance if you're not registered. There is no grace period.*

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