

# THE ANNUAL UNIT CHARTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN:

\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ Council, BSA

Pack No. \_\_\_\_\_ Troop No. \_\_\_\_\_ Crew No. \_\_\_\_\_ Ship No. \_\_\_\_\_

(Please identify those units chartered by the Chartered Organization.)

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) program is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values and principles taught in the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

The Chartered Organization, as a duly constituted organization that serves youth, desires to use the program(s) of the BSA to further its mission respecting the youth it supports. The Local Council provides the support and service necessary to help the Chartered Organization succeed in its use of Scouting.

## The Local Council agrees to:

- Provide primary general liability insurance to cover the Charter Organization, its board, officers, Charter Organization Representative (COR), employees, and adult volunteers for authorized Scouting activities. Indemnify the Charter Organization in accordance with the resolutions and policies of the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America.

*"The general liability policy issued to the Boy Scouts of America provides primary liability insurance coverage for all chartered organizations for liability arising out of their sponsorship of a traditional Scouting unit. Evanston Insurance Company provides the first \$1 million per occurrence coverage. Additional policies, all providing primary coverage to the chartered organization, have been purchased so that more than \$10 million in primary coverage is provided. There is no coverage for those who commit intentional or criminal acts. Liability insurance is purchased to provide financial protection in the event of accidents or injury that is neither expected nor intended."*

- Respect the aims and objectives of the Charter Organization and assist the Charter Organization by making available Scouting resources.
- Assure that adults selected as unit leaders are willing to accept Scouting's values and meet any other requirements of membership, having the appropriate number of leaders for the unit and review and sign each application.
- The local council will conduct criminal background checks on adult leaders.
- Make available to the Charter Organization and members program training, program resources, and other Scouting support services.
- Make available training and support for the Charter Organization and for the Charter Organization Representative, the primary link between the Charter Organization, the local council, and the BSA; track and **require all unit leaders** to complete **BSA Youth Protection Training**. YPT training is located on the My.Scouting website. *(no leader is registered w/o YPT)*
- Provide camping opportunities, administrative support, and professional staff to assist the unit in developing a successful Scouting program.
- Provide unit money earning opportunities for the unit to support their annual program.
- Support the unit with recruitment strategies, resources and materials to grow the BSA movement.

## The Charter Organization agrees to:

- Use Scouting to further the aims and methods of the BSA program for youth.
- Charter organizations must utilize the Scouting program to accomplish specific objectives related to one or more of the following: youth character development, career skill development, community service, patriotism and military and veteran recognition, faith-based youth ministry
- Conduct the Scouting program consistent with BSA rules, regulations, and policies. Located on the My.Scouting website and online at: [www.scouting.org/about/membership-standards/](http://www.scouting.org/about/membership-standards/).
- Charter Organization representatives are also auto-matic voting members of the council and district selected by their respective Charter Organization" **BSA Rules & Regs, Article IV**
- Encourage adult leaders to receive additional applicable training made available by the council.
- Be a good steward of unit resources and adhere to BSA Fiscal Policies. ie. Unit Money Earning projects
- Actively participate in the local councils annual giving campaign and product sales to ensure quality Scouting throughout the community. (ex. Friends of Scouting campaign, popcorn, camp card, etc.)
- Encourage the unit to maintain accurate and timely registration records of all its youth and adult members. Utilizing BSA's online registration tools like membership leads, online applications, and online recharter. *(no leader is registered w/o YPT)*
- Units must not use the Scouting program to pursue any objectives related to political or social advocacy, including partisan politics, support or opposition to government action, or controversial legal, political, or social issues or causes.
- Maintain and support the unit committee(s) made up of at least three persons for each unit.
- Ensure appropriate facilities for the unit for its regular meetings to facilitate the aims and methods of the BSA.
- Coordinate with the local council to provide annual recruitment opportunities to grow the BSA movement as well as publicize BSA through inhouse publications.

Charter Organization	Title	Date
Charter Organization Representative	Title	Date
Unit Committee Chair	Title	Date
Local BSA Council	Title	Date

## Resources

- Chartered organizations must use the Scouting program to accomplish their objectives in a manner consistent with the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, guidelines, policies, and other publications available on the BSA national website located at [www.scouting.org/about/membership-standards/](http://www.scouting.org/about/membership-standards/).
  - The Charter and Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America
  - The Mission of the Boy Scouts of America
  - The Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America
  - The Scout Oath and the Scout Law, including Duty to God
  - BSA youth protection policies and guidelines, including mandatory reporting
  - The *Guide to Safe Scouting*
  - The Sweet Sixteen of BSA Safety
  - Scouter Code of Conduct
  - Incident Reporting <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report/>
- Chartered organizations must not use their charter organization affiliation or the Scouting brand as a means to imply Scouting's endorsement of the objectives of their organization except with respect to youth development consistent with the goals and objectives of the Scouting program. Scouting units should utilize the BSA Brand Center for all branding guidelines, images, and logos. The BSA Brand Center can be located at [www.scoutingwire.org](http://www.scoutingwire.org)
- Charter organizations must not use the Scouting program to obtain financial support or assistance except as authorized for the chartered unit.

### **Scout Mission:**

*The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.*

### **Scout Oath:**

*On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.*

### **Scout Law:**

*A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.*