

New Online Registration

The National Service Center of the BSA deployed digital Online registration tools for 24 Beta Councils this month (August). Denver Area Council is pleased to be part of this deployment. The following are highlights of the system.

Youth and Adult applications to join Scouting are now digital and Online. Applications can be completed in digital format using a computer or portable device. Approvals of applications by the Unit Key 3 are accomplished digitally and payments can be made via credit card. Paper applications continue to be available, with payments made with cash, paper check or Unit account.

Units that decide to participate in the Online Registration process must complete the Preparation Checklist at <http://www.scouting.org/onlineregistration.aspx>.

The foundation of the Online system is [BeAScout.org](http://www.beascout.org). This BSA website is the finest marketing tool available. It helps families identify Units in their neighborhoods with locations and leader contact information. In order for this new innovation to be effective the Unit Key 3 should assure that the information about their program(s) is/are current and up-to-date. **Unit Key 3 can add or update Unit information using BeAScout.org website landing page, using the “Contact Us” Pin.**

The following briefly describes the Online Registration process. Detailed information can be found on the Scouting.org website - <http://www.scouting.org/onlineregistration.aspx>

1. **Youth Application** – The youth and parent/guardian identify a Unit via [BeAScout.org](http://www.beascout.org). When the decision to join is made click on “Join Scouting” and a digital application appears. When complete and payment is made, the application is forwarded to the Unit leader. The Unit leader is notified by email and approval is provided via the Unit My.Scouting Administration Tools. The applicant will then receive a welcome email including their membership number and information for the parent to establish a My.Scouting profile.
2. **Adult Application** – The adult application is found via [BeAScout.org](http://www.beascout.org). Search for the Join Scouting tile which then navigates to “Volunteer Application”. Complete the application and authorize the background check and make payment. Then hit the submit button and the application is forwarded to the unit COR for review and approval. Denver Area Council Volunteers must complete Youth Protection Training and then forward the certificate or reference number of completion to the COR. Upon approval by the COR the volunteer will receive their member number and a welcome letter.

The [Scouting.org/onlineregistration](http://www.scouting.org/onlineregistration) website provides step-by-step guidance for Unit leaders. For online applications here are the contacts for the council:

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