



**The National Council for the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) annual fee structure, effective August 1, 2020.**

The BSA has worked to keep the membership fee as low as possible. Unfortunately, operating costs have continued to rise and COVID-19 has compounded the need to increase the fee to maintain the program. The Denver Area Council (DAC) has not and will not charge local program fees.

The value of Scouting for youth who participate in the programs, as well as the communities where they live is unwavering. We are committed to continuing to offer unmatched opportunities for youth and families. Over the past few months we have witnessed the Scouting community come together by Scouting at Home and social distancing. We have seen our tremendous Scouts and leaders provide relief and comfort to those in need by participating in activities such as making face masks and supporting local blood and food banks, while also continuing with virtual rank advancements.

To ensure that the National BSA has the resources to fulfill the promise of Scouting the updated membership fees effective August 1, 2020 are as follows:

Program	Current	Beginning August 1, 2020
<b>Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouts</b>	\$60 per year	\$66 per year
<b>Exploring</b>	\$36 per year	\$42 per year
<b>Adult leaders</b>	\$36 per year	\$42 per year
<b>Annual Unit Charter Fee</b>	\$60 per year	\$75 per year

The membership fees will take affect August 1, 2020, for new members in the 2020-2021 program year. For renewing members, the new fee will take effect on October 1, 2020. The updated unit charter fee will take effect August 1, 2020, for all new and rechartering units.

Beginning August 1, 2020, there will also be a one-time \$25 joining fee for new program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouts; however there is no joining fee for Exploring participants, participants previously registered in any BSA program, those transferring from one program to another, Council-paid memberships, or adult volunteers.

**Every dollar of the national membership fee goes to the National Council to handle the cost of essential services, including program resources, liability insurance for those participating in approved Scouting activities, youth protection and other local Council resources.** The National organization will also continue to develop and improve resources that support our volunteers and youth members through online registration, Scoutbook, and national initiatives such as the National Camp-In and the Scout Salute partnerships with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

We know Scouting remains one of the most valuable investments we can make to support young men and women today so they can become the leaders we will turn to tomorrow. From once-in-a-lifetime adventures to Merit Badges that spark interests and future careers; from campouts under the stars to service projects that leave a lasting impact on our communities; Scouting's year-round program expands horizons and provides young people with a safe and welcoming place to learn, grow, and thrive.

Thank you for your continued role in empowering a generation of future leaders of character through Scouting programs.