



THE ANNUAL UNIT CHARTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN:

and the **Tidewater** Council, BSA
Pack No. _____ Troop No. _____ Crew No. _____ Ship No. _____
(Please identify those units chartered by the Charter 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 Charter 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 Charter Organization succeed in its use of Scouting.

I. The Local Council agrees to:

A. Scouting Resources

1. Provide commercial general liability insurance, described on page 3, to cover the Charter Organization, its board, officers, Charter Organization Representative (COR), employees, and adult volunteers for authorized Scouting activities.
2. Provide program training, program resources, recruitment strategies, resources, and materials to help the Unit grow its membership and provide Scouting to the Unit's local community.
3. Provide camping opportunities, administrative support, and professional staff to assist the Unit in developing a successful Scouting program.
4. Provide and facilitate unit-level money-earning (i.e., fundraising) opportunities to support the Unit's activities.

B. Adult Leadership

1. Submit criminal background checks in accordance with BSA policies and procedures, on all adult leaders and volunteers prior to approving any application to serve. The background check shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws and further comply with any standards that may be developed in accordance with any applicable court order. The Local Council's final Registration of the adult leader or volunteer (a) cannot be accomplished until the requisite background check is completed, and (b) will constitute the Local Council's confirmation that the requisite background check has been completed, by indication of the council designees' signature.
2. Require and track all unit leaders to complete BSA Youth Protection Training.

II. The Charter Organization agrees to:

A. Generally

1. 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/.
2. Coordinate with the Local Council to provide annual recruitment opportunities to grow the BSA movement as well as publicize BSA through in-house publications.
3. Refrain from using the Scouting brand as a means to imply BSA's endorsement of the objectives of the Charter Organization, except with respect to youth development, consistent with the goals and objectives of the Scouting program. Refrain from soliciting financial support except as authorized for the benefit of the Unit or the Local Council.
4. Select a Charter Organization Representative (COR) to serve as a voting member of the council.

B. Management and Leadership

1. Reasonably support the Scouting Unit Committee, comprised of at least three members for each Unit.
2. Review and select all adult leaders, subject to the approval of the Local Council, and ensure they are willing to accept Scouting's values and meet all other requirements of membership.
3. Administer the assets of the Unit, including all funds, real property, and personal property (e.g., trailers) that are acquired by the Unit either for the benefit of Scouting or in the name of Scouting and administer the assets for the benefit of the Unit.
4. Authorize the unit to open a separate bank account for the Unit using the Charter Organization EIN and provide the Unit with policies and procedures for financial reporting and asset management.
5. Follow all Guide to Safe Scouting requirements to ensure the adequate review and inspection of trailers, and other assets.

C. Use of Facilities

1. Work with the Unit to secure safe facilities for regular meetings.

III. The Scouting Unit agrees to:

A. Registration and Administration

1. Organize and maintain an active Unit Committee comprised of at least three members for each Unit. Ensure that the Unit has two deep leadership at all times.
2. Ensure all adult leaders have an approved criminal background check and have completed BSA Youth Protection Training prior to participation in any Scouting activity.
3. Encourage adult leaders to receive position-specific or other appropriate training made available by the local council or BSA.
4. Ensure timely registration of all youth and adult members. Use BSA's online registration tools, such as membership leads, online applications, and online re-charter.
5. Coordinate with the Local Council to provide annual joining opportunities to grow the BSA Movement.

B. Program

1. Conduct the Scouting program consistent with BSA Bylaws, Rules & Regulations, handbooks, policies, brand guidelines, etc. See www.scouting.org/about/membership-standards/.
2. Abstain from using 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.

C. Use of Facilities

1. Return facilities to their original condition, subject to reasonable wear and tear, at the end of all Scouting Activities, which includes placing any garbage/waste in appropriate receptacles, returning any items stored on premises to the designated storage area, and removing all other personal belongings.

D. Assets and Equipment

1. Be a good steward of the Unit's resources and comply with the BSA's Fiscal Policies and Procedures.
2. Apply for and undertake Unit Money Earning Projects in accordance with BSA's and the Local Council's guidelines.
3. Actively participate in the Local Council's annual giving campaign and product sales fundraisers (e.g., Friends of Scouting campaign, popcorn, and Camp Card sales).
4. Follow all Charter Organization policies and procedures regarding the management of funds. For Unit specific bank accounts, Units will submit reporting as prescribed by the Charter Organization.

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

Insurance

The Boy Scouts of America provides Commercial General Liability (GL) and Excess Commercial Automobile Liability (AL) to cover losses or claims asserted or sustained by any Scout, Scouting Unit, member, visitor, volunteer, or any other person, arising out of or in any way connected, directly or indirectly, with Scouting. This insurance covers the Charter Organization, along with its Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, Agents, Members, or Volunteers (collectively, "Protected Parties"). At a minimum, such insurance:

1. GL coverage shall be written on an occurrence basis, with limits of \$7,500,000 each occurrence and \$23,000,000 annual aggregate for the policy year ending March 1, 2023. GL coverage limits are subject to change upon renewal, but at a minimum GL coverage shall be written on an occurrence basis, with limits of \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$10,000,000 aggregate.
2. AL shall be written on a per occurrence basis, with a \$5,000,000 limit per occurrence as excess of the Charter Organization's primary AL insurance and any other excess insurance available from other sources; provided however, that the underlying primary AL insurance, and other excess (if any), shall be no less than \$1,000,000.
3. As set forth in the GL policy, shall provide coverage for:
 - a. Bodily injury, sickness or disease including illness or death of any person.
 - b. Bodily injury, including physical or sexual abuse, misconduct, or molestation.
 - c. Personal or advertising injury.
 - d. Damages caused by physical damage or destruction of tangible property.
 - e. Contractual liability covering the BSA's obligation to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Protected Parties.
 - f. Punitive or Exemplary Damages coverage equal to that which is provided to BSA entities.
4. Shall name the Protected Parties as Additional Insureds on all primary and excess policies.
5. Shall provide a 30-Day Advanced Notice of Non-Renewal or Cancellation to the Charter Organization and shall include a Waiver of Subrogation in favor of the Protected Parties.

Resources

Charter 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/

- 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 SAFE Checklist
- Scouter Code of Conduct
- Incident Reporting <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report/>

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.