RECHARTERING IN 2026

Tidewater Council Renewal Summit | 15 October 2026

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Topics

- What's New for 2026
- Unit Recharter Procedures
- Membership Renewal
- Update Your Pin
- The Road Ahead
- Update on New Member Sign-up
- Questions

What's New

- Recharter this year is for 14 month as Scouting America returns to single charter/membership renewal date
- **Elimination of the lapse period!** October is the last month to have a 2-month lapse. November will have 1 month. And December 2026 moving forward will not have a lapse period
- In 2028, all members* and units will have a February due date
- The process for Military members registering or renewing will remain an online process if using the free military youth membership offer

2026 – 2028 Recharter/Renewal Plan



VISION, BENEFITS AND IMPACT

SEVEN KEY BENEFITS

1. Aligns directly with the Trail Map.
2. Restores a true renewal season.
3. Lowers barriers to entry and improves retention.
4. Captures Peak-Season joiners.
5. Eliminates Lapse Period
6. Safeguarding Youth Training is tied to renewal timeline
7. Simplifies for all and returns leader control to the renewal process

Key Dates

- September 2026 – Unit Charter to February 2028 cycle begins for units expiring 10/31/2026 (or later). Also, new units registering after 1 October 2026 will register on the February cycle
- January 2027 – New Members will register through February 2028
- March 2027 – Renewing members begin registering on pro-rated fee schedule to February 2028 (last month applicable is November 2027)
- December 2027 – New and renewing members will register through February 2029

EXPECTED IMPACTS

- Unit Charter Renewal – most Tidewater Council units will renew in December and extend that through February 2028. Pro-rated unit fee per month is $8.50, so those units will pay $119 to renew their charter
- Membership renewal – most, but not all, registered members of Tidewater Council have registered through December. Those members will register as normal through Dec 2027, then register for the following year through February 2029
- Intent is to return membership and charter renewal under one process. Members will still be able to register themselves. Under current guidance, the military youth fee waiver process will need to be done individually and online.

STEPS FOR UNIT RENEWAL

This step is best completed on a laptop or desktop computer.
You may be less successful using a tablet or phone

1. Unit Key 3 Member (or delegate) logs onto my.Scouting.org. Navigate to Organization Manager>(click on) Unit Renewal
2. Validate Information (Chartering Organization is correct, address and phone numbers are correct)
3. Check Leadership Positions – are the correct names there?
    1. COR or delegate can correct using “Position Manager” also found in Organization Manager. Once saved, wait overnight for the system to update data, then revalidate.
4. E-Sign the page

STEPS FOR UNIT RENEWAL

- Validation Codes in Unit Renewal: ***Errors*** will not let you proceed, ***Warnings*** will allow you to proceed
  - Unit does not have required number of leadership positions – ***Error***
  - Leaders are less than 18 years old – ***Error***
  - Youth do not meet the age/grade requirement for the program – ***Error***
  - Leaders do not have current Safeguarding Youth training – ***Warning***
  - Leaders do not have completed CBC authorizations – ***Warning***
  - Adults do not have an SSN - ***Warning***

STEPS FOR UNIT RENEWAL

5. Unit Pin Review – Critical to complete this process so MOVO (Scouting America AI support) can better answer questions from prospective members. We'll return to this…
6. Continue to Unit Renewal
7. Select payment method. Tidewater Council strongly recommends "pay at council"
    1. Pay online by Credit Card, ACH, or through Klarna
        1. Follow prompts to use a saved credit card or add a new one
    2. Follow prompts to print summary sheet and pay at council
8. This completes the Unit Renewal process

Important! If you decide to pay online, notify your DE and Jennifer Mapstone Jennifer.Mapstone@scouting.org There are steps she needs to complete to finalize your registration

UNITS RENEWING MEMBERS

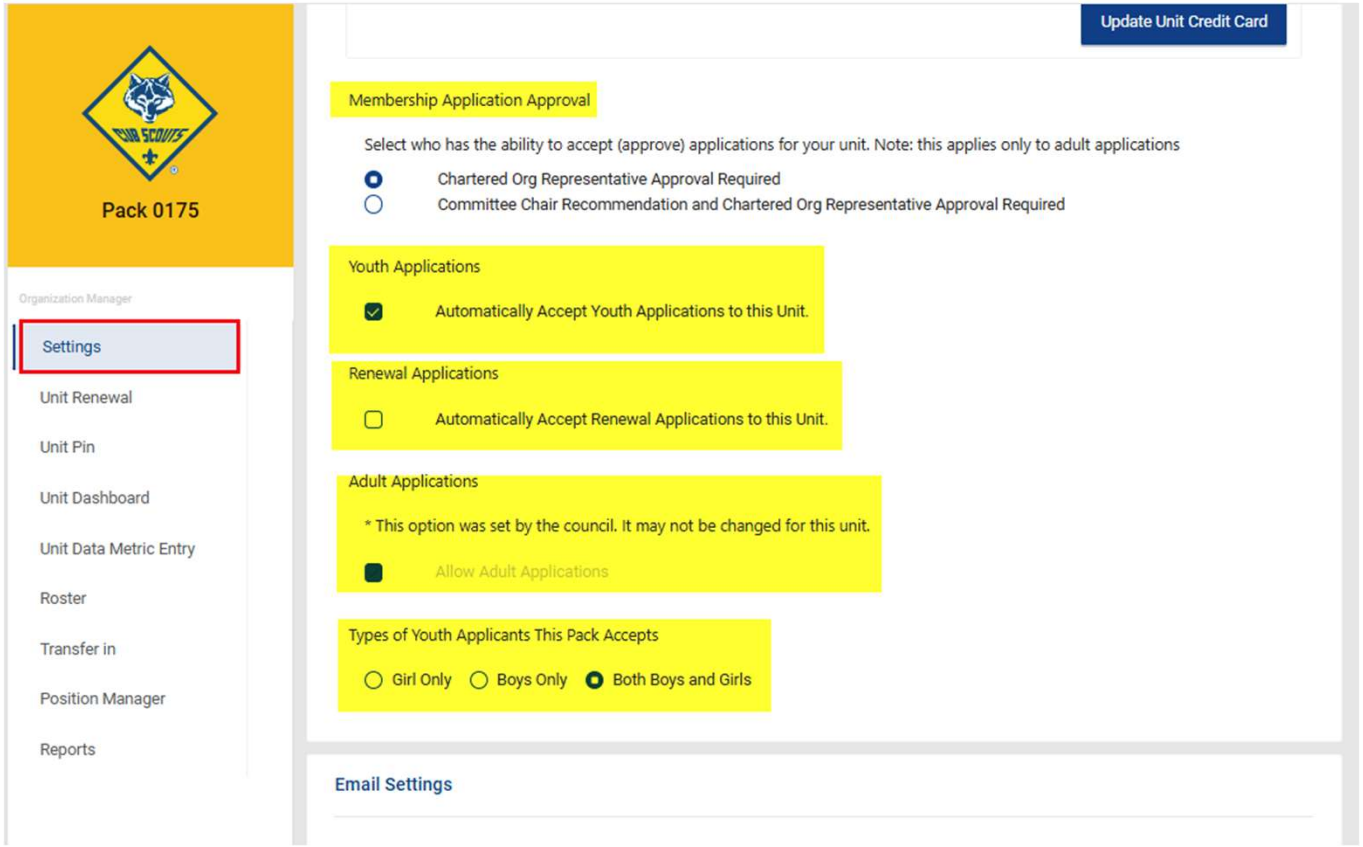
1. Unit Key 3 member logs onto my.Scouting.org, navigate to Organization Manager>Roster
2. Select the members to be renewed
3. Create renewal orders
    1. Review/select positions to renew for each person. Create renewal orders
4. Select payment method
    1. Pay online by Credit Card, ACH or through Klarna
    2. Follow prompts to use a saved card or add a new one

UPDATING UNIT PIN

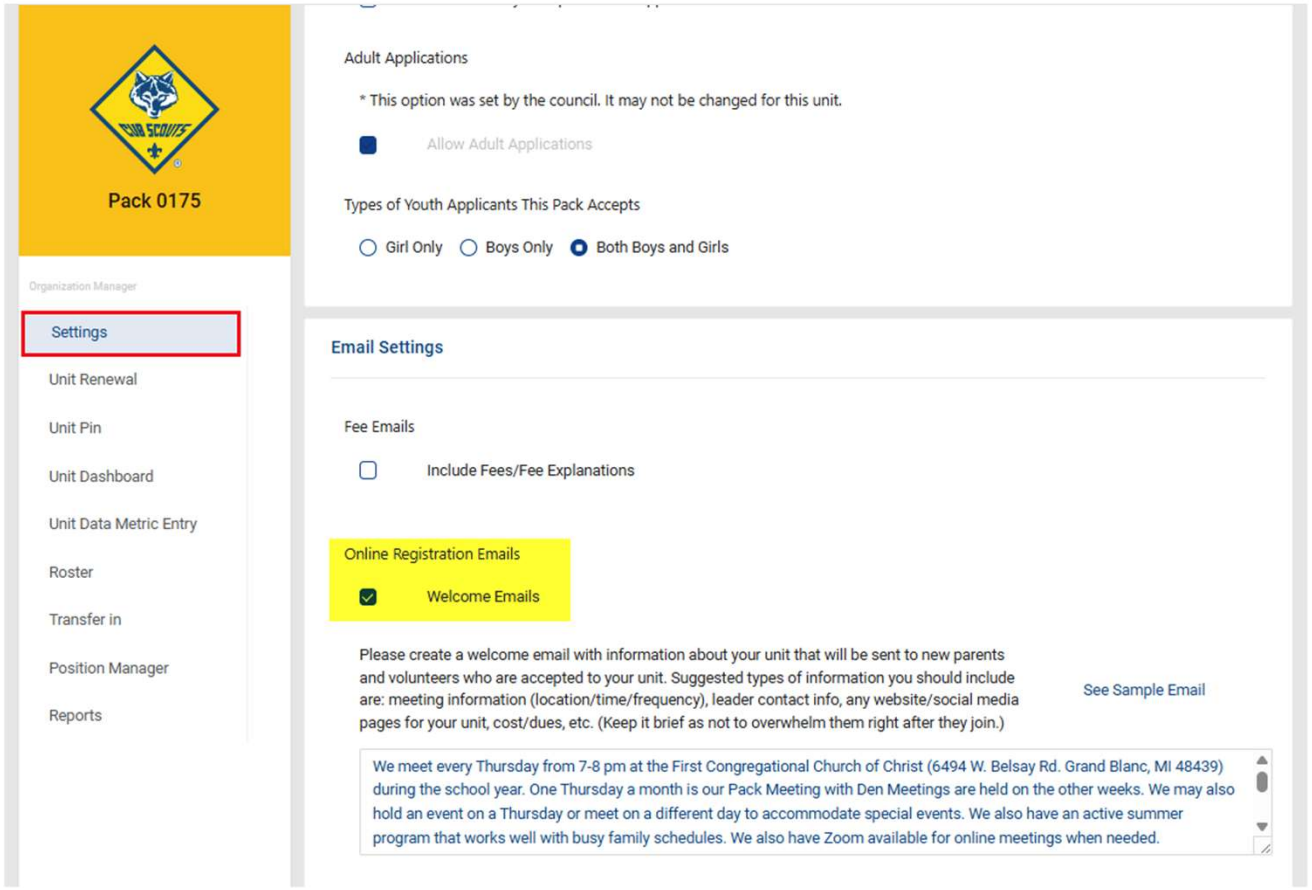
Unit Pin can be updated by any of the Key 3 or their delegate.

- Log-in to my.Scouting
- Go to Menu>Select your unit>Organization Manager
- Click on Settings.
  - Review all of the available settings for accuracy and current information
  - While all the settings are important, two to make sure you review are:
    - Who can approve adult applications
    - Turn on “Automatically Accept Youth Application to the Unit – *This is strongly recommended*

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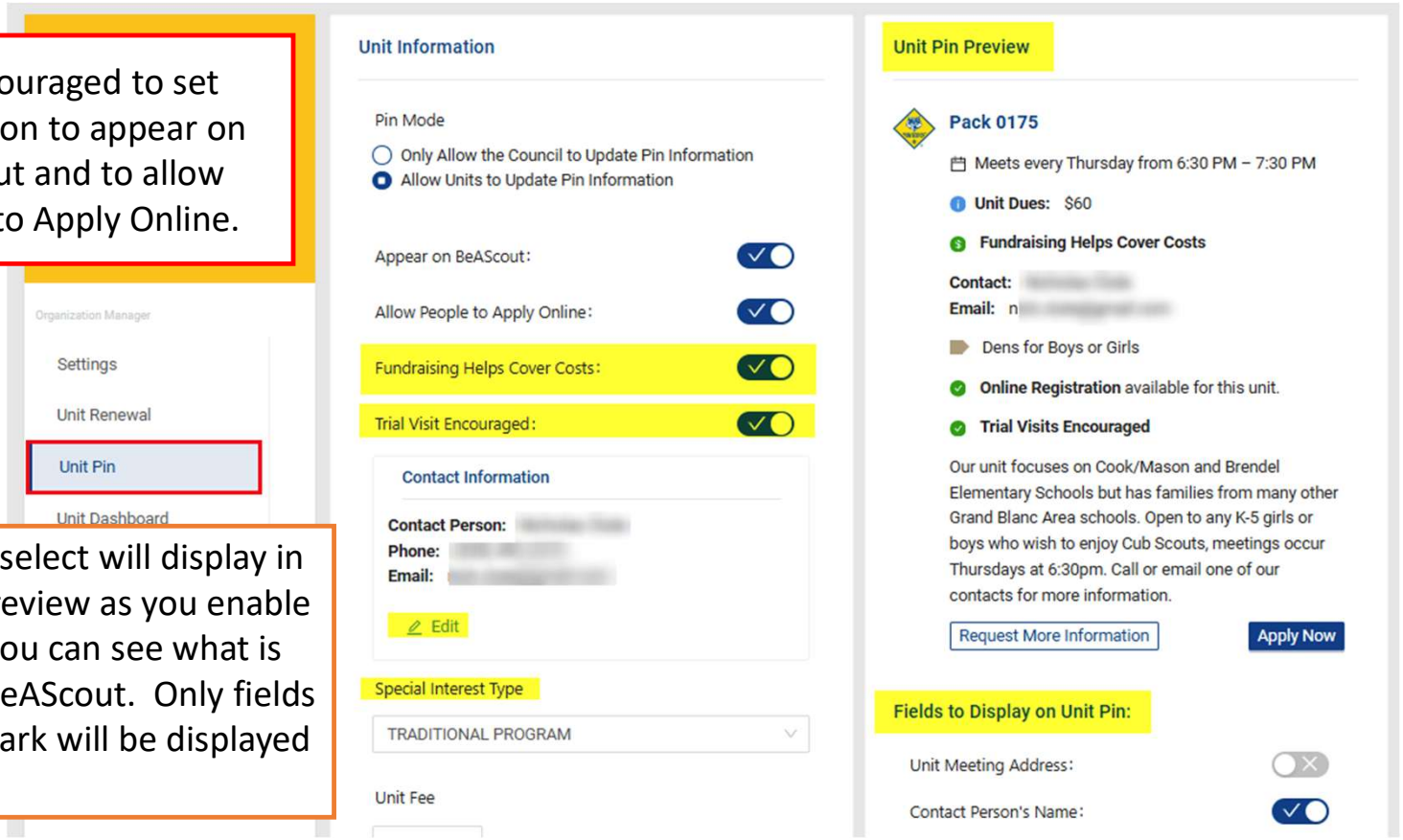


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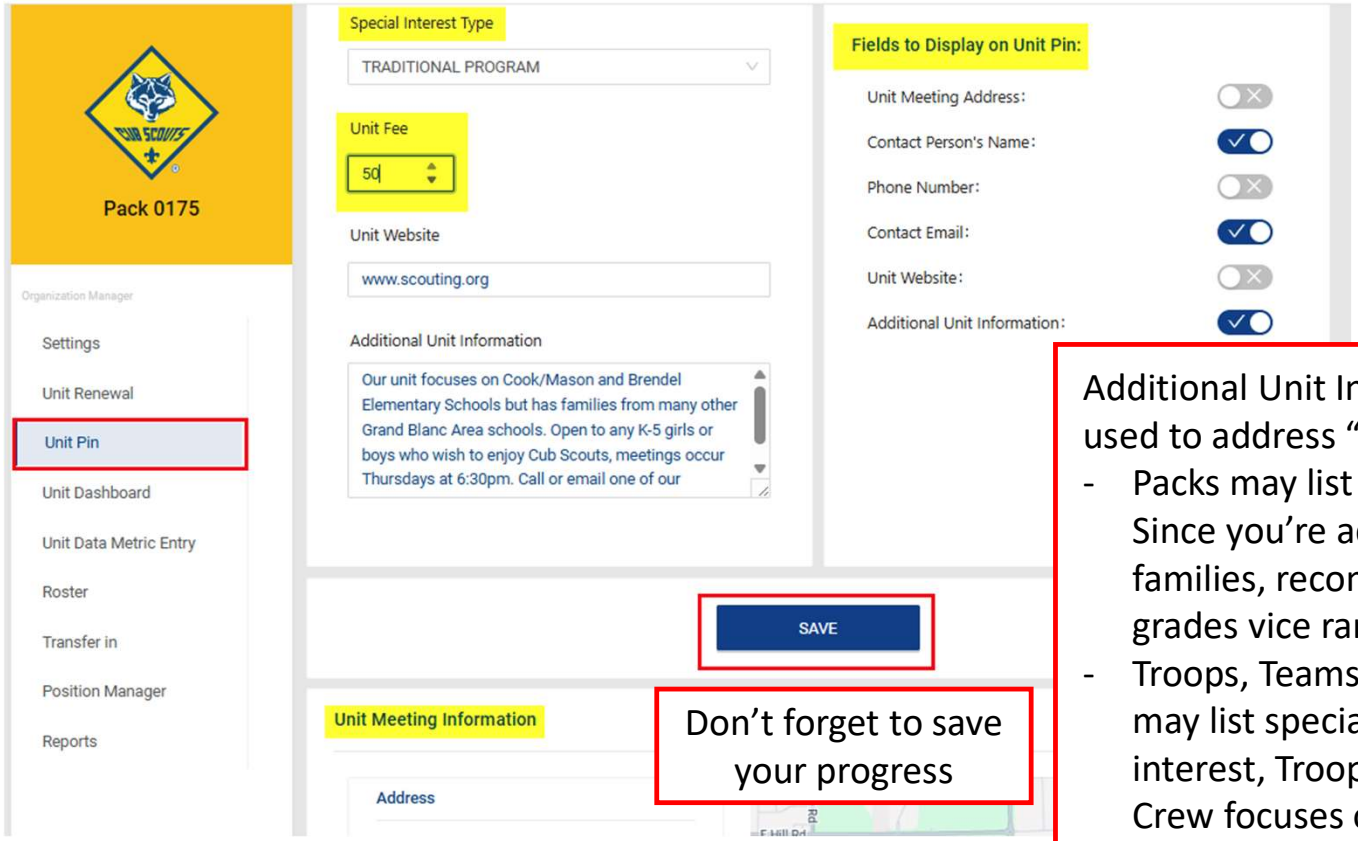
UPDATING UNIT PIN

It is encouraged to set the option to appear on BeAScout and to allow People to Apply Online.



The fields you select will display in the Unit Pin Preview as you enable them so that you can see what is displayed on BeAScout. Only fields with a checkmark will be displayed in BeAScout

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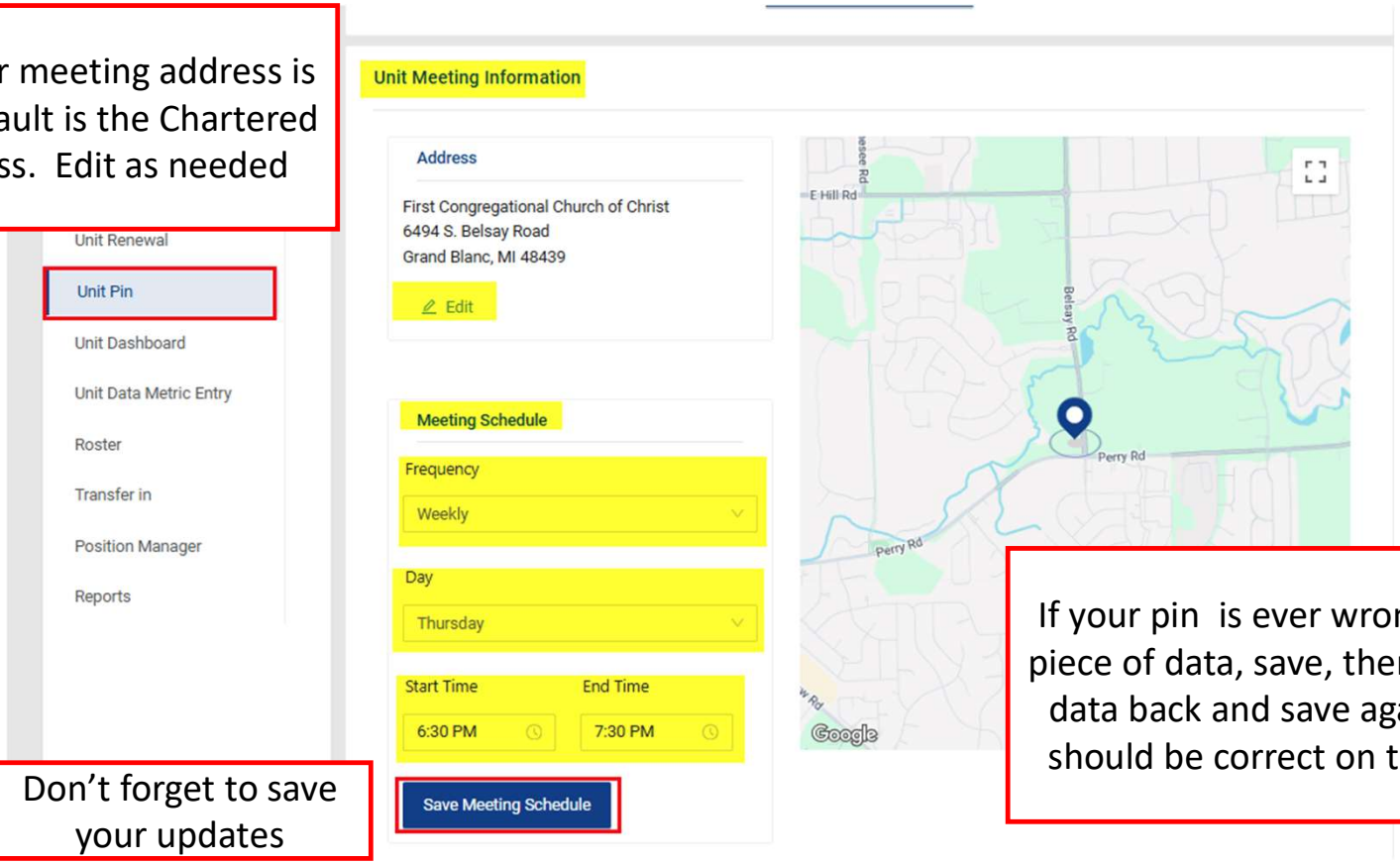
Don't forget to save your progress

Additional Unit Information can be used to address "FAQs"

- Packs may list den meeting info. Since you're addressing new families, recommend using grades vice rank
- Troops, Teams, Crews or Ships may list specialty areas of interest, Troop focuses on hiking, Crew focuses on scuba, Ship sails particular types of boats

UPDATING UNIT PIN

Confirm your meeting address is correct. Default is the Chartered Org. address. Edit as needed

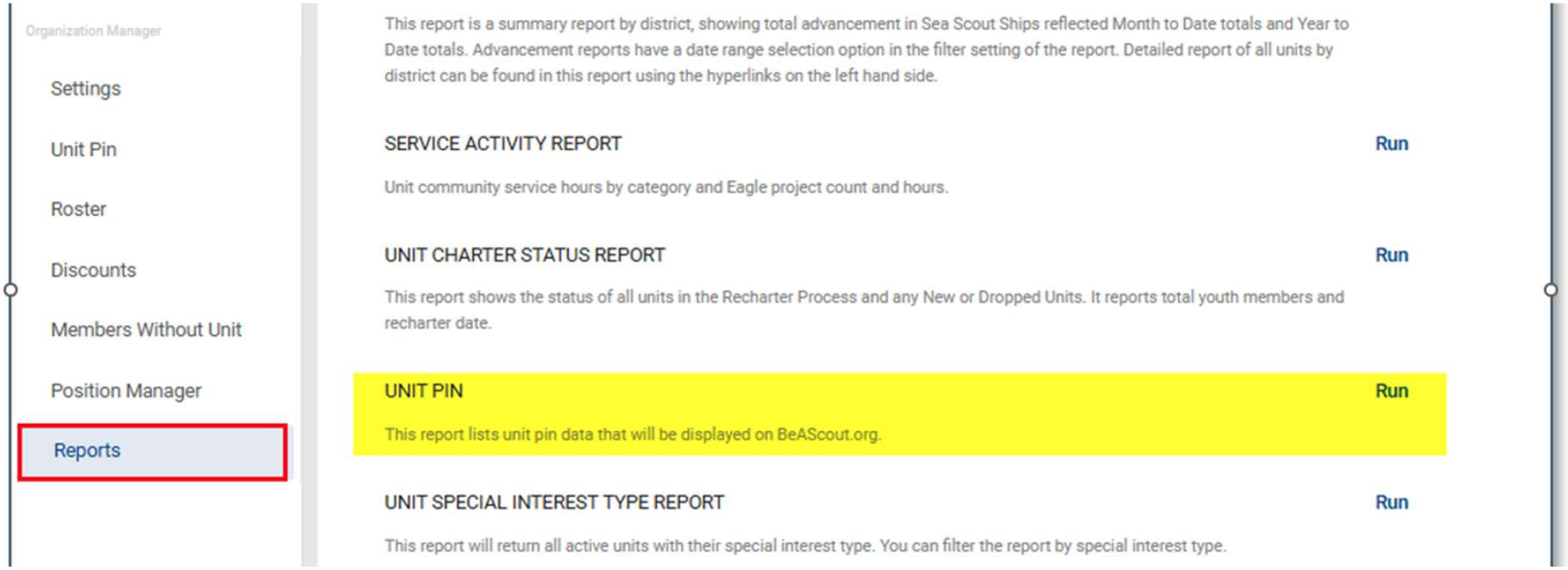


Don't forget to save your updates

If your pin is ever wrong, change a piece of data, save, then change the data back and save again. The pin should be correct on the next day

UPDATING UNIT PIN

There is a report for Unit Pin in Organization Manager>Reports.
The report can be accessed at the Unit, District and Council levels



ANNUAL CHARTER AGREEMENT

- Is also due
- Strengthens the Chartered Organization relationship
  - Reaffirms Ownership
  - Reviews Shared Liability and Risk Management
- Ensures Transparency
  - Review inventory, budget and financial accounts
  - Review procedures for Youth Protection
  - Reviews Mandatory Training Audits
  - Proactive Succession Planning

The Road Ahead

The mission:

- Conduct your membership and leadership review now!
  - Aside from everyone in December, is there anyone who's registration is in the expiration stage (within 30 days – 60 days after
  - Check your leadership! Who's changing position? Who's leaving? Who's replacing?
- Process will open on November 1. Log in, check your roster, ensure it reads as you need it to
- Complete your renewal by 12 December

YOU HAVE HELP

Your Council stands ready to help:

- Your District Executive is ready to answer your questions
- All current forms and procedures can be found at tidewaterbsa.com/renewal/

Your Commissioners stand ready:

- Your Unit Commissioner is an awesome resource
- District Commissioner
- Council Commissioner

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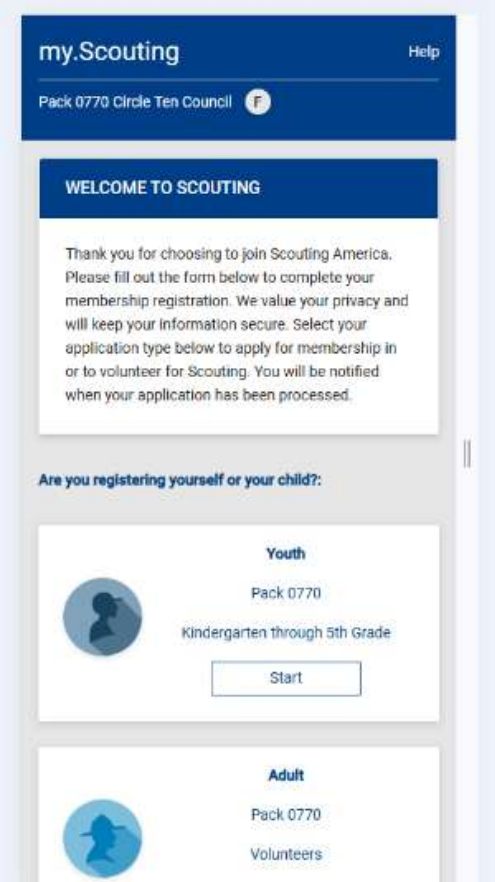

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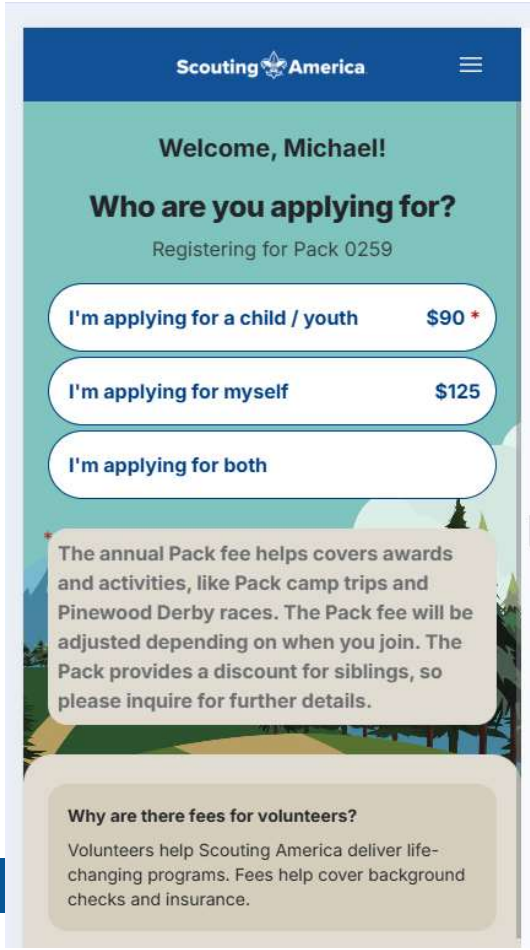
- All-new design and feel for BeAScout and Online Registration
  - Answering the top five questions before they have to ask
- Multiple applications in the shopping cart
- Google/Apple and “Klarna” payment options
- Discount Codes
- Military Waiver

New Online Registration flow from ScoutConnect

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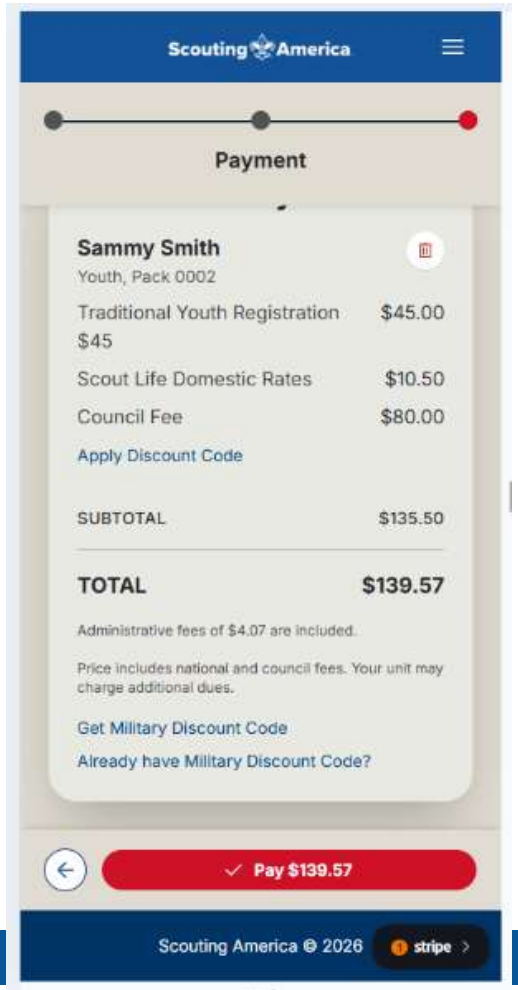


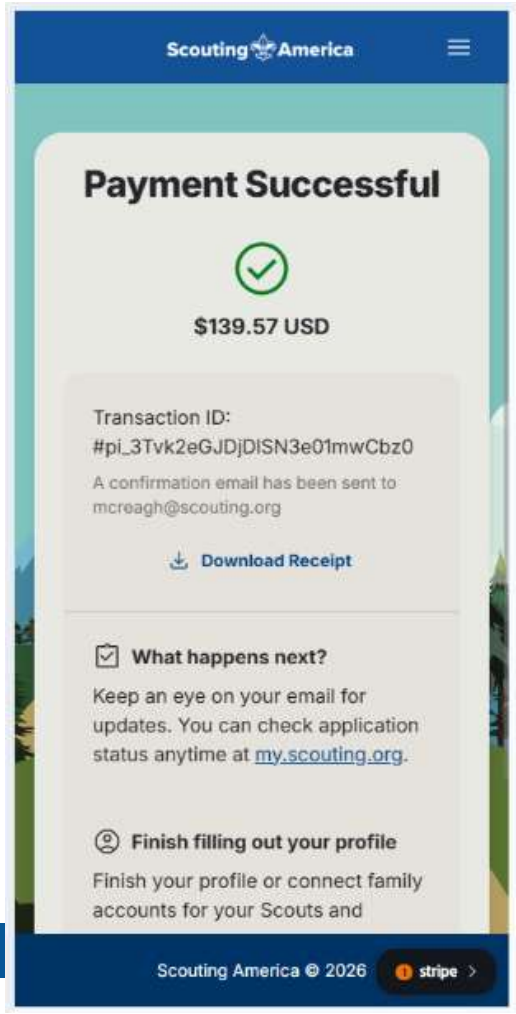
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