

# Scouting America®

## Patriots' Path Council

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Patriots' Path Council Scouters,

Thank you for all you do for our Scouts!

As we prepare for the 2027 Scouting year, we are sharing the membership and related fees that will take effect January 1, 2027. The 2027 fee structure includes national and council annual membership fees for youth and adults, as well as the unit charter and Scout Life magazine fees.

The National annual membership fee for participation for kindergarten through age 20 will rise to \$96, National held the registration fees as long as they could. Council fee for 2027 will hold at \$50 we have been able to do this by the support of units in families in supporting district and council events, and continued support of families in the Friends of Scouting Campaign. This will bring the total for youth registration to an annual membership fee of \$146.

The National annual membership fee for adult volunteers in unit and non-unit positions will be \$72. Council fee for 2027, as mentioned above, will be held at \$50, for a total annual membership fee of \$122. Volunteers with multiple registrations will continue to pay for only primary position. Merit Badge Counselors will remain at \$25 and council fee will be \$10 for a total annual membership fee of \$35. Merit Badge Counselors cannot be multiplied into roles of adult supervision.

The unit charter fee is \$120 per year for all new and rechartering units.

The Scout Life magazine fee is \$15 per year.

These fees are effective January 1, 2027. This means that any charter that is received after **December 11, 2026**, will be subject to the new fees. There will no longer be a lapse period, or back dating of membership or charters. Registrations not renewed before their expiration date will have a negative effect on advancement and participation in Scouting programs. The new national fees will be prorated based on expiration to align with the return of unit renewal in March of 2028.

Please use the accompanying 2027 Membership Fees infographic and prorated fees chart as a quick reference when communicating the new fee structure with your unit families and volunteers.

We appreciate your continued commitment to providing quality Scouting experiences to the youth and families we serve. Thank you for your leadership and for all you do on behalf of Scouting in Patriots' Path Council.

Yours in Scouting,

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