

## **National Membership Fee Increase – Effective August 1, 2021**

Over the last year, we have seen the Scouting community come together, even while being physically apart, to bring solutions, relief and comfort to those in need. Scouting continues to be a vital partner for communities across the country.

The value of Scouting is undeniable for those within the program and the greater public, and the Boy Scouts of America is committed to continuing to offer this unmatched opportunity to young people and families nationwide. ***It is important that we all reach out to Scouting families who might have left the program due to pandemic reasons and invite them back.*** We should also be thinking about how to invite new families to join.

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has worked to keep the membership fee as low as possible. Unfortunately, operating costs on a national level have continued to rise, and COVID-19 has compounded the need to increase the national registration fee to maintain the program.

To ensure the national organization has the resources to fulfill the promise of Scouting, the updated national membership fee is:

- \$72 for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts participants
- \$45 for Exploring participants
- \$30 for council-paid memberships
- \$45 for all adult volunteers (includes cost of background check)
- \$75 for a unit charter fee

The national membership fees will take effect August 1, 2021, for the 2021-2022 program year.

The one-time \$25 joining fee for *new* program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts is still required; 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.

*A reminder, this is a national registration fee and the Sioux Council only serves as a pass through for these funds. No registration fee's are kept by the Sioux Council.*



# 2021 BSA National Membership Fees

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

EFFECTIVE



FOR ALL  
NEW  
MEMBERS

\$72/YR

Participants in kindergarten through age 20.



\$45/YR



Participants age 10 - 20.

\$45/YR



All registered adult volunteers in unit and non-unit positions. (Volunteers with multiple registrations will continue to pay for only one position).

Additional fees might be charged by local councils and units.

## NEW-MEMBER JOINING FEE

EFFECTIVE



ONE-TIME

\$25

TO JOIN

Same flat fee no matter when you join during the year. (no prorating)

New members pay joining fee in addition to membership fee.



No joining fee for adult volunteers, Exploring participants, participants previously registered in any BSA program, or those transferring from one program to another.

## UNIT RECHARTER FEE

\$75/YR

For all new and rechartering units.