



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
SAM HOUSTON AREA COUNCIL

Dear Scouter,

It is fall, and with the hope of cooler temperatures comes the start of the Scouting program year, along with the time for the annual recharter process for our Scouting units. This is a very important process that allows for roster cleanup, recommitment, financing, and more importantly, provides the charter organization the right to utilize the BSA program for another year.

The online recharter process works extremely well and the average unit should be able to complete the entire online process in about 2 hours. It is extremely important the recharterers be completed promptly and accurately. Please utilize the checklist enclosed to make sure you have completed the entire process, all the forms are properly signed, and all adults have YPT training that doesn't expire before March 1, 2017.

We ask that you carefully review the enclosed documents and share the information with at least one other key member of your unit. In our Scouting programs, we require two deep leadership for working with our youth, and require a buddy system for our youth, so too we recommend a similar concept in your unit by making sure that at least two leaders are comfortable with the unit recharter process in order to provide continuity both for this year and into the coming years.

The success of this effort depends on you and we are grateful for your commitment. The next few weeks are critical to your completion of the program for 2017, so please contact your District Commissioner Staff if you have questions after reviewing this packet. They are there to help you through the process.

Also, please help us by assuring that your recharter package is completed accurately and turned in timely, preferably at your District Turn-In Event(s), but no later than December 15, 2016 at the Council office. Also, last year over 800 recharterers contained some form of an error that required staff time (both volunteer and professional) to work with the units to resolve. This took away from not only family time during the holidays but also time that could be better utilized for the most important part of our program.....The YOUTH in the Scouting program! Again, please utilize the checklist to ensure the recharter does not contain errors.

Thank you for all you do for Scouting. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

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Council Commissioner