

Recharter Requirements for Venturing Youth Aged 18 and Up

In March, 2015, BSA began requiring new Venturing youth, aged 18 and up, to complete an adult application, including the consent for a criminal background check, and to complete Venturing Youth Protection Training (BSA course code Y02). While these youth complete the adult application, they remain youth Venturing Participants and are eligible for all youth aspects of the Venturing program.

After consultation with Southern Region - Area III, Sam Houston Area Council requires all existing Venturing Youth Members, aged 18 and up, to meet the new requirements in order to recharter. That is, they must complete an adult application, checking the “Venturer” box below the unit number, complete the criminal background check authorization form, and complete Venturing Youth Protection Training (course Y02). (The YPT course can be completed online.)

Each Venturing crew or Sea Scouting ship must take the following actions during recharter for each Youth Member, aged 18 and up:

- In Internet Rechartering, “update” the Youth Member to Venturing Participant. (A more complete discussion of Internet Rechartering will be found below.)
- Submit a complete adult application as a Venturer, including the criminal background check form.
- Submit a copy of the Venturing Participant’s Youth Protection Training completion certificate.
- A recharter turned in without the above will remain in “problem” status. If the unit cannot obtain the required documents, it will need to drop the Venturing Participant so that recharter can be completed.

Changes to Internet Rechartering Supporting the New Policy

On October 1, 2015, BSA updated Internet Rechartering (IR) to support the new joining requirements for Venturing Participants. We have identified the changes below after gaining access to Internet Rechartering on November 1, 2015. We expect additional changes to Internet Rechartering that affect the processing of recharter for these youth to be released on or about October 1, 2016. We will update this document as we learn about those changes.

- Venturing Participants appear in the youth portion of all lists in IR and are added and updated using the tools that manage youth. A youth will appear as “Youth Member” unless he or she has been registered as a Venturing Participant.
- A youth is registered / updated to Venturing Participant by checking the box on the second screen in the add and update dialogs for youth.
- Stage 3 (Check Roster) of IR will generate warning messages for all Venturing youth, aged 18 and up, that are “eligible” to be updated to Venturing Participants. **Because IR will allow the unit to complete IR without resolving the youth that need to be updated to Venturing Participants, units must take care to update each “eligible” youth to avoid submitting a problem recharter.**
- The warning message will contain a link which, when clicked, will bring up the update screens for the member. Go to the second update screen and check the “Venturing Participant” box. Then continue to the final screen and click “save”.
- An “eligible” Youth Member can be updated to a Venturing Participant via the “Update” links in the list of members in Stage 2 (Update Roster) – Step 5.

- Other than the warning message in Stage 3, IR does not provide any warning about an existing Youth Member that needs to be updated to Venturing Participant. That is “eligible” youth are not highlighted in any list and they are not highlighted in the recharter printout.
- Only Venturing Participants that are added during IR appear in the list of new youth members in the recharter printout.
- The unit must keep track of all Youth Members it updates to Venturing Participants during IR to assure that it knows for which Venturing Participants it must submit applications.
- Internet Rechartering does not show Youth Protection Training status for any youth. The unit must track the compliance of its Venturing Participants with respect to YPT. **Note: the My.Scouting tools also only show YPT status for adults.**