

2026 Renewal



**Scouting
America**

DAN BEARD COUNCIL



What's New?

- At this May's National Annual Meeting, It was announced that there will be changes to the renewal process
 - Starting in 2028, all councils will have both unit and membership renewals due February 28th each year. This will remove old practice of renewing on membership anniversary and going to prorated.
 - There will be a few phases to get renewals ready for 2028.

Renewals Are Moving to February!

A simple change that makes a stronger Scouting experience.

Beginning in Fall 2026, Scouting America is creating one easy renewal season for everyone, both individual members and units, so volunteers can focus more on Scouting and less on paperwork.

HOW IT WORKS NOW

Two different renewal dates

UNITS



Each unit renews once a year on its own charter date.

MEMBERS



Each member renews every 12 months from their join date.

That means renewals happen all year long, for everyone. Hard to keep track of and easy to forget.

WHAT'S CHANGING

One renewal season for all



EVERYONE will renew in FEBRUARY

Units and Members will both renew in February with one simple season to remember!

PRO-RATED for NEW MEMBERS in 2027

New members only pay for the months until February. After that, they renew in February.

The Transition Plan (2026–2028)

A two-year plan to get everyone to one February renewal.

SEP
2026

JAN
2027

MAR
2027

SEP
2027

NOV
2027

DEC
2027

JAN
2028

FEB
2028

Units begin transitioning to February 2028 cycle. Units expiring after 10/31 or later will be on a February cycle.

New members begin to register through February 2028 using a pro-rated monthly fee schedule.

Existing members begin transitioning on a pro-rated schedule to February 2028.

All existing units will have transitioned to a February renewal month.

Last month of short-term pro-rated member fees to February 2028.

All new and renewing members will be pro-rated to February 2029.

First cycle of renewal begins for units and members. Everyone is officially back to the unit renewal process.

All members and units are on a single month cycle. One renewal season for all!

Why This Change is Great for Scouting

1. Restores a true renewal season. One renewal period for all.

2. Lowers barriers to entry. Pro-rated pricing makes it easier for families to join.

3. Captures peak-season joiners. More new members in the fall means stronger units.

4. Eliminates the lapse period. Fewer accidental interruptions in membership.

5. SAFEGUARDING Youth Training is tied to renewal. Youth protection is easier to take and track.

6. Simplifies Leader Roles. One renewal process means leaders are back in control.

Phase 1

- Starting September 1st 2026 all **UNIT** renewals will be prorated to lineup next renewal date for February 28th 2028.
- Each month will be an additional \$8.50 to the \$100 Unit Renewal Fee.
- Ex – If Unit Renewal is due October 31st of 2026, you will pay the \$100 fee plus 4 months of prorated fees (\$34) which equals \$134.

Phase 2

- Starting March 1st of 2027 membership renewals will go through the process to lineup for February 28th of 2028. The fees for this process has not been finalized. Here are the potential options:
 - Prorate the membership renewal fee till February 28 of 2028.
 - Flat fee no matter the renewal date to get renewed for February of 2028.

Annual Charter Agreements

- Annual Charter Agreement is considered a “Lease” contract signed by both the unit and Chartered Organization.
- Annual Charter Agreements for the 2027 year are required to be completed by October 31st 2026
- Unit Renewal will not be submitted without a completed agreement
- Signatures from the executive officer, charter org rep, and committee chair are required.
- If multiple units share the same chartered org AND have a shared committee chair, they can share one annual charter agreement, to save extra paperwork

Unit Information Worksheet

- The unit information worksheet is a form that asks unit related questions about the upcoming year, including calendar questions.
- The form must be submitted by renewal deadline of October 31st
- Unit Renewal will not be posted without this completed form

Unit Information Worksheet

2026 DAN BEARD COUNCIL Unit Information Worksheet



District:

Unit Type & Number:

Name:

Phone Number:

Email:

Unit Renewal Checklist

- ☐ Unit Renewal Form *(Submitted online or in-person)*
- ☐ Unit Renewal Payment *(Submitted online or in-person)*
- ☐ Charter Annual Agreement
- ☐ Safeguarding Youth Training Up-To-Date
- ☐ Advancements Up-To-Date in Scoutbook

2026 State of Scouting Discussion

The State of Scouting discussion brings important council updates to your Unit. These short, engaging conversations help keep leaders, families, and volunteers informed about what is happening across the council and how we can work together to strengthen Scouting in our community. *If you have not scheduled a discussion for 2026 and would like to invite someone to visit, fill out the information below:*

Event Type *(Blue & Gold, Court of Honor, etc.)*

Date & Time

Location

Event Contact Name

Phone Number

Email Address

What does 2026 Look Like for 10/31 Renewals?

- Membership Renewal will go on as the same as years past. Individuals can renew themselves or the unit can do it for the individuals
- Unit Renewal will be due with additional prorated fees (\$134)
- Annual Charter Agreement must be signed and turned into council by October 31st
- Unit Information Worksheet must be completed and turned into council by October 31st

Timeline for 2026 Renewal – Now

- Be Prepared – Right now is a great time to clean up issues with your unit roster to save you time when it gets closer to the renewal deadline.

Timeline for 2026 Renewal – Now

- Safeguarding Youth Training – All unit leaders must be up to date on their renewal training when it's time to renew the unit.
 - Download a Safeguarding Youth report for the unit to see which leaders are due to renew their training between now and the unit renewal date.
 - Communicate with your leaders now instead of later

Timeline for 2026 Renewal – Now

- Youth Membership Minimum – A unit can not renew with less than 5 youth members. There are a few actions the unit can take to increase the youth membership before renewal:
 - Recruitment –Work with your Membership Executive to make a recruitment plan for this Summer and Fall
 - Unexpected Drop-offs – Some youth members may have forgotten to renew their membership last year. Double check your roster to make sure everyone is registered

Timeline for 2026 Renewal – Now

- Adult Membership Minimum
 - Includes Cubmaster, Committee Chair, Charter Org Rep, 2 Committee Members
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- Check for missing leaders – some leaders may have dropped from roster due to expired Safeguarding Youth Training or forgot to renew last year
- Have a conversation with parents of the unit and the members of the charter org to recruit new leaders

Timeline for 2026 Renewal – Now

- Annual Charter Agreements – It is not too early to submit Annual Charter Agreements for 2027!
 - It may take time to get all the signatures required. Work on getting the signatures now so you don't have to worry later in October.

Timeline for 2026 Renewal – September and October

- Unit Renewal (and a majority of Membership Renewals) will open on September 1st
- Earlier the Better! Do not wait till end of October
- Please submit renewal online. However, if you need assistance, come into the office to submit it at the front desk. Call your commissioner or district professional to coordinate

Timeline for 2026 Renewal – September and October

- Payment options include ACH, Credit Card, or Cash (at Scout Office only)
- Annual Charter Agreements and Unit Information Sheets must be submitted to your commissioner, district professional, or office by October 31st
- The unit renewal will NOT be posted until Annual Charter Agreement and Unit Information Sheet has been turned in

Questions?

- If you have questions or concerns, use our brand new ticketing system, Hey Dan Beard. Just email heydanbeard@scouting.org and you will be responded too in a swift manner

THANK YOU!

- Thank you for your commitment to providing a strong Scouting program to youth in our community. We look forward to having a great Fall of Scouting!