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A periodical newsletter for Institutional Heads and Unit Sponsors to keep them informed about Recruiting, Registering, and Training Scout Leaders for their organizations, plus other newsworthy information pertinent to the units they sponsor.

New 2008 Spring Message: *(Registering Youth)*

This time of year it becomes apparent through participation in Council winter camps and obtaining Rank Advancements and Merit Badges for Courts of Honor, that many young men were deliberately or inadvertently not registered along with the other boys. A Charter without their name may indicate they are not interested in Scouting, but their participation in Scouting activities tells a different story.

Earning merit badges, advancing in rank, and participating in Council winter camps all require that a boy be registered. The Council Service Centers can't sign up boys for camp or approve advancement for those they find unregistered. Getting them registered requires an application and a prorated registration fee, and last minute efforts are very frustrating for your leaders and are often unsuccessful or delayed.

Please make sure every boy in your area is registered. It can be an immediate advantage for your adult leaders and the youth, especially those boys that are reaching the higher Scouting ranks. It's difficult to justify gaps in a young man's registration, especially when he's trying to complete the "waiting" period required for some of the ranks, and can cause delays or ineligibility.

You can determine registration quickly through the Internet Advancement System. Just consult your own Internet Advancement Specialist or contact the Unit Commissioner serving your unit for assistance.

2007 Winter Message: *(Charter Renewal)*

Now that the yearly charter renewal process has concluded, you can keep your charter(s) current throughout the year by registering adults and youth as soon as they become part of your unit(s). For example, if a boy advances from Boy Scouts into Varsity Scouts or simply moves in from outside of your area, or if an adult is recruited to serve as part of your Scouting organization, a new application and a check for the prorated registration fee will keep your charter(s) current. (See prorated Registration Fees table below.) This approach will pay huge dividends at year-end by minimizing paperwork and dramatically reducing the time necessary for charter renewal.

Don't forget about Boys' Life subscriptions! Scouts and Scout leaders alike can benefit from the ideas and themes presented. A large part of our most successful units incorporate Boys' Life into their programs and the direct correlation is quite obvious. (See prorated Subscription rates below.)

2007 Fall Message: *(Training)*

The Training Committee, with agreement from District Officers, has elected to not offer separate training for 11-year-old-Scout Leaders. In the past, the 11-year-old-Scout Leader Course was more of an overview than it was a "complete" training. We believe that Assistant Scoutmasters serving 11-year-old-Scout patrols should better understand the "whole" Boy Scout Program. *Note: Basic Training attendees specifying 11-year-old-Scout Leader as their Scouting Position on the registration form will continue to*

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Adults and Youth

Registration fees and Boys' Life subscription costs are prorated monthly. To simplify the calculation process, this chart shows the prorated amounts for the next several months. The applications and fees need to be submitted together at your local Scout Service Center.

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Registration Fee (Youth and Adult)	\$9.35	\$8.50	\$7.65	\$6.80
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TOTAL	\$20.35	\$18.50	\$16.65	\$14.80

receive the *Day Camp Guide for Eleven Year Old Scouts*, a \$2.75 LDS publication, at no extra charge.

There are three sections in Boy Scout and Varsity Scout Basic Training. (Cub Scout Leader Basic and Venture Leader Basic only require the first two.) The first two are *New Leader Essentials* and *Leader Specific Training* and are presented back to back during Basic Training Part 1. The third part, *Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills* is presented as Basic Training Part 2, which is an overnight experience for Boy Scout and Varsity Scout Leaders.

If you have a female serving as an Assistant Scoutmaster/11-year-old-Scout Leader and if she doesn't feel comfortable camping out in a tent or being the only female in class, invite her to attend the Friday night activities, drive home for the night, and return early for the Saturday training. She, along with other fully trained leaders can better serve the young men for whom they have stewardship, and help you deliver the Scouting promise much more effectively.

2007 Summer Message: (*Staffing*)

There are some positions in each unit where there can be only one person in the position at a time, i.e. one Scoutmaster in a Troop, one Cubmaster in a Pack, one Coach on a Team, one Committee Chairman, one C.O.R., etc. Other positions can have multiples such as Committee Members, Assistant Leaders, and Den Leaders.

Question: When you register someone new in a position where there can be only one person at a time, what happens to the old one? For example, you had a Scoutmaster, and now you're registering a new one.

Answer: The new person will be registered in that position. The previous person will not be dropped (or unregistered), but will be shifted to the unit committee as a member of that committee, and will appear on the Charter as such. If that person has moved out of the area and will not be registered with the unit the following year, the time to drop the name from the charter is during the Charter Renewal process in the fall.

2007 Spring Message: (*Recruiting*)

When new leaders of young men are being "recruited", please make sure they 1) know and understand how they fit into your overall organization, 2) who they will be working with, 3) what your expectations for them are, and 4) what resource materials you already have for them (or the materials they'll need to purchase).

The District's *New Scout Leader Information Sheets* could be the perfect tool to help you accomplish these things, particularly the **Job Description Summaries** on the back, particularly if you yourself have questions concerning a specific Scouting position.

The current District **Basic Training Registration Form** shows the next scheduled training opportunity for your new and not-so-new leaders. Registration Forms can be found on the District Website at: gslc-bsa.org/council/district/district-web-sites/d24-home

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