



UPDATED MEMBERSHIP & COUNCIL ACTIVITY FEE STRUCTURE

Effective January 1, 2021

UPDATED FEE STRUCTURE

Starting January 1st, 2021, The Mount Baker Council, BSA will implement an annual council activity fee. This fee will be in addition to the BSA membership fee.

National BSA Fee Benefits

- Accident & Liability Insurance
- Youth Protection Resources
- Criminal Background Checks
- Technology Upgrades
- Online Training Resources
- Access to BSA programs & curriculum

Council Fee Benefits

- Local Council Insurance
- Ceases Unit Friends of Scouting Campaign Presentations
- Free Rank Advancement –Cloth Badges for all units
- Top notch properties & service centers
- More time to invest in Unit Service

National Annual
Membership
Fee

\$66 youth

**\$42 Exploring
youth**

\$42 adults

Council Annual
Activity Fee

\$66 youth

**\$42 Exploring
youth**

\$24 adults

Total Annual Fees for a 12 Month Unit Charter:

- **\$132/youth**
- **\$84/Exploring youth**
- **\$66/adult**

THE VALUE OF SCOUTING

Families today have many options, but only Scouting provides a safe and fun atmosphere where a kid can be a kid all while preparing them to become an even better adult.

As we look forwards to the future of Scouting, the Mount Baker Council is committed to providing a safe and cost-effective Scouting experience to all youth.

Our new fee structure is being implemented out of necessity to ensure the needed support of our organization, boost unit level support, and focus on quality program, while being able to provide the required insurance coverage to provide a robust Scouting program.

WHY A COUNCIL ACTIVITY FEE?

The Mount Baker Council has worked hard to keep the cost of Scouting as low as possible for our families. Our Council is fiscally sound, however it is important that we continually review our financial structure in order to guarantee the longevity of our local Council programs and resources.

The new fee structure is being implemented out of necessity to support critical components of our organization that have risen substantially over the past few years. The restructuring will also allow us to serve our families at the highest capacity possible and enhance our Scouting operations throughout the five counties served by the Mount Baker Council.

TRENDS

- Less than a third of all families with a registered Scout participates in Family Friends of Scouting.
- Mount Baker Council has seen a 18% reduction in commissioned staff since 2018.
- The per Scout expenses for the Mount Baker Council budget has increased 5% in 2 years.

KEY FAQs

- Are there scholarships available for youth with needs?
 - ◆ The Mount Baker Council has the Opportunity Fund available for scholarship requests.
- When will the new Council Activity Fee begin?
 - ◆ The new fee begins with the December Charter Renewal for our units.
- Is Scouting still affordable?
 - ◆ Yes, Scouting is still one of the most affordable programs for your family today. The average program costs per Scout (before a summer camp experience and inclusive of the new council activity fee):
 - * Pack: \$275-\$325 per year
 - * Troop: \$350—\$400 per year
- Are there ways that a Scout can help “earn their own way?”
 - ◆ The average-selling Scout earned over \$265 for their unit program during the 2019 popcorn sale.



BENEFITS OF

A COUNCIL ACTIVITY FEE

CEASES UNIT FOS PRESENTATIONS



By implementing a local council activity fee, our Scouting families will already be making an investment in local Scouting programs. This will eliminate the need to administer our local Family Friends of Scouting presentations at the unit level.

FREE RANK ADVANCEMENT— CLOTH BADGES



The local council activity fee will allow the Mount Baker Council to provide free rank advancement - cloth badges for our units at no additional cost.

NEW CHARTER RENEWAL CYCLE



The new fee structure will also allow us to move the unit charter cycle to October. This will coincide with the program year and to make it easier for units and families to experience and pay for Scouting.



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ENHANCED CHARTER RENEWAL

Our Council is also committed to enhancing the recharter process to meet the needs of our units and families. Starting with the 2021 recharter this December, our Council's cycle will coincide with the unit Scouting program year and all charters will be due by October 31st, 2021.

So, how will this work for your current recharter? Effective immediately, all unit charters will be only for 10 months during this December recharter cycle and end on October 31st, 2021. After which, the charters will be 12 months running from 11/1 to 10/31 each year.

NEW RECHARTER FEE

STRUCTURE for 2021 only

Type	Full National BSA Fee	BSA 10- Month Prorated Fee	Prorated Council Activity Fee	Total Fee
Adult	\$42	\$35	\$20	\$55
Youth	\$66	\$55	\$55	\$110
Exploring Youth	\$42	\$35	\$35	\$70

2021 RECHARTER

FEE STRUCTURE FOR 10 MONTHS

Youth Registration & Activity Fee

Jan 1, 2021—Oct 31, 2021

\$110

Exploring Youth Registration & Activity Fee

Jan 1, 2021—Oct 31, 2021

\$70

Adult Registration & Activity Fee

Jan 1, 2021—Oct 31, 2021

\$55

RECHARTER CHECKLIST

- All training requirements (Youth Protection and Position Specific Training) must still be completed prior to submitting your recharter.
- Boy's Life magazine will remain \$12 per person per year.

For more information on the recharter process, including our PowerPoint Training presentation, visit mountbakerbsa.org/internet-rechartering.



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