



## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA® ERIE SHORES COUNCIL

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### **Hello Erie Shores Council Leaders!**

*Welcome to another edition of Membership Monday!*

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*Has there been a change in leadership and you are no longer a Unit's key leader/advisor? Please forward this on to the new Unit leadership, and instruct them to use the "Subscribe" button at the bottom of this newsletter.*

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### **Rechartering Season**

*Please keep in mind that recharTERS are due to the office on January 15th, to allow processing and correction of any errors by the deadline of January 31st.*

*The Internet Rechartering system will allow a representative of each unit to complete the paperwork for renewing a charter online. From Internet Rechartering, you can indicate returning members, add new members, and update information for an individual or the chartered organization. You will have a choice to either download membership information from the BSA's ScoutNET system or upload from your unit management software (TroopMaster, PackMaster, Rank N'File, etc.)*

If your unit has questions about the recharter process, please reach out to one of the following people: Your Unit Commissioner, Your District Executive, or Karen Krieger in our Scout Office.

For more info and helpful tips on rechartering, please use this link:

<https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/recharter>



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### ***Financial Assistance: It's Not Too Late to Apply!***

As you have read, the Recharter deadline is right on our heels. With the increase in national membership fees, we do not want money to be the reason why a family chooses to leave scouting.

Erie Shores Council does offer assistance of up to 50% for families that may need support and it is not too late to apply! Just click this [link](#) for the application. The application is a fillable pdf and can be completed on a computer or mobile device.

Once completed you can email the form directly to [Karen.krieger@scouting.org](mailto:Karen.krieger@scouting.org), or printed off and delivered to the Scout Shop.

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### ***Disclosure Form FAQ***

All registered adults will need to fill out one of the new disclosures. Please return prior to recharter time or with your units recharter packet. If you need an updated copy, please contact your District Executive or Karen Krieger.

No. The BSA will only use these signed authorization forms for approval to obtain a criminal background check. State and federal laws regulating background checks also regulate consumer credit checks. Both items are mentioned on the form in order to be compliant with these laws that regulate both types of checks. Again, the BSA is only using this form for authorization to obtain a criminal background check.

## **2. Why is this being done now?**

Starting in 2020, rechecks will be performed every five years, but it will take several years to recheck all leaders. Unfortunately, technical limitations and changes in the law over the last five years prevent us from using existing authorizations from older applications. As such, new disclosure had to be sent and new signed authorization forms obtained. Rechartering provides the best window to collect and verify they have been received before the council processes the recharter application.

## **3. What about volunteers that are not registered with units?**

All currently registered adults and employees who have not had a criminal background check in the last five years will be rechecked after their next registration renewal. Council registrars will individually track district and council registered employees and leaders to be sure an authorization is in hand before renewing any council or district registration in 2020. (That should also include merit badge counselors). Those registered only at the National Council level will receive instructions on where to submit their authorization forms.

## **4. What about those with multiple registrations?**

Only one authorization form per person needs to be collected and retained by the council.

## **5. What happens if a unit leader does not provide an authorization?**

Leaders who do not provide new authorization will not be able to renew their registration. Council registrars should be instructed not to renew any adult without first confirming that a new signed authorization form is on file at the council service center.

## **6. Why can't the volunteer just reply to the original e-mail and attach their signed authorization form?**

The best way for us to ensure compliance is to require that the council registrar verify that a signed authorization form is physically in hand before processing a unit's recharter. This removes much of the potential error and associated penalties that could result from other methods. We recommend that the

will facilitate the process of ensuring that a current form is on file at the council service center before posting their registration.

**7. Can the council accept a faxed copy or scanned copy sent via email of the signed authorization?**

Yes, so long as it is legible and is sent by the individual who signed it. It must be printed and saved the same as an original.

**8. Can the council accept an electronic signature?**

Digital signatures from third-party providers are acceptable. They must be printed and stored the same as the original. E-mail confirmations, permissions or typed names on the form are not acceptable substitutes for wet signatures

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***Friendly Reminder:  
Council Will Be Closed for Martin Luther  
King Jr. Day***

**Both the Council office and the Iott Scout Shop will be closed for the holiday, on Monday, 1/20/2020.**

**We will reopen with normal business hours on Tuesday, 1/21/2020.**

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