

New Annual Membership Fee Process Announced – BSA Will No Longer Prorate Fees for New Members beginning August 1, 2023

Beginning August 1, 2023, all new youth and adult members who join Scouting will be enrolled in a 12-month membership cycle and BSA will cease prorating fees. Both youth and adults will pay the full annual membership fee and will renew their membership on the anniversary date of joining Scouting. All proration of membership fees will be eliminated. Each registered member of the BSA will receive an email notice with a registration renewal link beginning 60 days before the anniversary month they joined Scouting. Unit leaders will receive a copy of the email and should stay engaged in the membership renewal process just like rechartering.

*Effective **August 1, 2023**, the BSA and the San Diego – Imperial Council will implement the following national membership fees which were approved by the National Executive Committee and the SDIC Board of Directors:*

	2024
Total for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting participants	\$145
National Registration Fee	\$80
Local Insurance	\$20
Local Operations & Program Support	\$45
Additional One-time joining fee for new program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting	\$25
Scout Life magazine (Optional)	\$15
Total for all adult volunteers in above programs. Includes BSA Background Check and Scouting Magazine (CA-mandated LiveScan not included)	\$80
National	\$60
Local Insurance/Fee	\$20
Merit Badge Counselors New National Fee applies only for Merit Badge Counselors not already registered as leaders.	\$25
Exploring participants Youth & Adult	N/A
Unit charter/affiliation fee	\$100

The SDIC Board of Directors determined the fees based on the increasing financial demands placed on the council. Additionally, they surveyed nearby southern California councils and found that this fee was equal to or less than all other councils which responded. While sensitive to the needs of our Scouting families, the SDIC Board determined that this year's increase is needed to enhance service to our units and meet the many demands placed upon the council. As mentioned above, this increase brings our council in alignment with our neighboring councils.