



Leadership and Membership Requirements for a Scouts BSA Troop

Chartering a troop with the Boy Scouts of America is as easy as counting to five:

1. The Executive Officer of the prospective charter organization (e.g. Pastor, Bishop, President, Principal, etc.) must sign a new unit application and “The Annual Unit Chartering Agreement” to verify their acceptance of a Scouting unit at their place and appoint a Charter Organization Representative (*required).
2. Must have at least 4 additional adults to fill the following required (*) positions:
 - Committee Chairman (CC), two members of the committee (MC) and a Scoutmaster (SM).
 - If this is a linked troop, the Committee Chair and committee members can be multiple registered in another troop.
 - A Scoutmaster cannot be a Scoutmaster for more than one troop.
 - An Assistant Scoutmaster is not required, but to meet the Two-Deep youth protection standard another adult must be present at all meetings and outings. Applications and Youth Protection Certificates are required for each of these positions.
 - All adults that wish to be registered in the new troop are required to complete a new membership application (even if they are already registered in another troop).
3. An organizational meeting with all interested adults to determine leadership, training, & meeting/activity dates.
4. Must have a minimum of 5 youth of the same gender (age 11-18; or 10 and completed the fifth grade; or earned their Arrow of Light). Applications are required for each youth.
5. All adults must complete youth protection training before becoming registered or meeting with youth. All leaders should be trained for their position.

To ensure you have the prerequisite positions to charter a unit, put the names of those recruited in the boxes below:

*Charter Organization Representative

*Committee Chairman	*Scoutmaster
*Member of Committee	Assistant Scoutmaster
*Member of Committee	



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A Charter Organization Representative (COR): is appointed by the head of the organization to act as liaison between the charter organization, the troop committee, the District and Council. A chartering organization can only have one COR. They must serve as the COR for all units chartered to the same organization.

Troop Committee (Chairman & Members): Responsible for:

- Providing administration, guidance, and program support to Scoutmaster, who in turn will deliver program to youth.
- Recruit quality adults among parents, and from the congregation to serve as Troop leaders and committee members.

Scoutmaster (SM): Gives direct leadership to youth working through youth leadership and assistant Scoutmasters to ensure a quality program that includes advancement, outdoor activities, and youth development.