

THE ANNUAL UNIT CHARTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN:

_____ and the Northern Star Council, BSA

Pack No. _____ Troop No. _____ Crew No. _____ Ship No. _____

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) program is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values and principles taught in the Scout Oath and Scout Law, and to partner with community based organizations to achieve such mutual objectives.

The Chartered Organization, as a duly constituted organization that serves youth, desires to use the program(s) of the BSA to further its mission respecting the youth it supports. The Local Council provides the support and service necessary to help the Chartered Organization succeed in its use of Scouting.

The Charter Organization agrees to:

- Use Scouting to further the Charter Organization's aims and values for youth.
- Utilize the Scouting program to accomplish specific objectives related to one or more of the following: youth character development, faith-based youth ministry, career skill development, community service, patriotism.
- Conduct the Scouting program consistent with BSA rules, regulations, and policies. Located on the online at: www.scouting.org/about/membership-standards/.
- Appoint Charter Organization representatives who become automatic voting members of the council and are selected by their respective Charter Organization.
- Approve, maintain and support the unit committee(s) made up of at least five persons for each unit.
- Ensure appropriate facilities for the unit for its regular meetings to facilitate the aims and methods of the BSA.

Northern Star Council agrees to:

- Respect the aims and objectives of the Charter Organization and assist the Charter Organization by making available Scouting resources.
- Assure that adults selected as unit leaders are willing to accept Scouting's values and meet any other requirements of membership, having the appropriate number of leaders for the unit and review and sign each application.
- Make available to the Charter Organization and members program training, program resources, and other Scouting support services.
- Make available training and support for the Charter Organization and for the Charter Organization Representative, the primary link between the Charter Organization, the local council, and the BSA.
- Provide camping opportunities, administrative support, and professional staff to assist the unit and Charter Partner in developing a successful Scouting program.
- Provide unit money earning opportunities for the unit to support their annual program.
- Support the unit with recruitment strategies, resources and materials to grow the Scouting Unit.

The National Council agrees to:

- Provide primary general liability insurance to cover the Charter Organization, its board, officers, Charter Organization Representative (COR), employees, and adult volunteers for authorized Scouting activities. Indemnify the Charter Organization in accordance with the resolutions and policies of the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America.

"The general liability policy issued to the Boy Scouts of America provides primary liability insurance coverage for all chartered organizations for liability arising out of their sponsorship of a traditional Scouting unit. Evanston Insurance Company provides the first \$1 million per occurrence coverage. Additional policies, all providing primary coverage to the chartered organization, have been purchased so that more than \$10 million in primary coverage is provided. There is no coverage for those who commit intentional or criminal acts. Liability insurance is purchased to provide financial protection in the event of accidents or injury that is neither expected nor intended."

- The BSA will conduct criminal background checks on adult leaders approved by the Charter Organization

Charter Organization

Date

Charter Organization Representative

Date

Unit Committee Chair

Date

Local BSA Council

Date

Scout Mission:

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Scout Oath:

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law:

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.