

# THE ANNUAL UNIT CHARTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN:

\_\_\_\_\_ and the Northern Star Council, BSA

Pack No. \_\_\_\_\_ Troop No. \_\_\_\_\_ Crew No. \_\_\_\_\_ Ship No. \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of the Scouting (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 own 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](http://www.scouting.org/about/membership-standards).
- Support the unit committee(s) made up of at least five leaders and five youth for each unit through roles as checked below:
  - ☐ Appoint a Charter Organization Representative (COR) to approve or remove unit leadership
  - ☐ Provide appropriate facilities for the unit for its regular meetings to facilitate the aims and methods of the BSA
  - ☐ Provide the unit with your organization's EIN
  - ☐ Review the unit financials at least once a year
  - ☐ Store unit equipment
  - ☐ Insure unit equipment

## Northern Star Council agrees to:

- Respect the aims and objectives of the Charter Organization and assist the Charter Organization and unit committee.
- Assure that adults selected as unit leaders are willing to accept Scouting's standards and meet any other requirements of membership, and review and sign each application.
- Provide camping opportunities, administrative support, program training, resources 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 and resources 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 Representative.

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Charter Organization

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Date

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Charter Organization Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Unit Committee Chair

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Date

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Local BSA Council

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Date

### **Detail on Insurance secured by the National Council, BSA.**

Insurance The Boy Scouts of America provides Commercial General Liability (GL) and Excess Commercial Automobile Liability (AL) to cover losses or claims asserted or sustained by any Scout, Scouting Unit, member, visitor, volunteer, or any other person, arising out of or in any way connected, directly or indirectly, with Scouting. This insurance covers the Charter Organization, along with its Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, Agents, Members, or Volunteers (collectively, "Protected Parties"). At a minimum, such insurance: 1. GL coverage shall be written on an occurrence basis, with limits of \$7,500,000 each occurrence and \$23,000,000 annual aggregate. 2. AL shall be written on a per occurrence basis, with a \$5,000,000 limit per occurrence as excess of the Charter Organization's primary AL insurance and any other excess insurance available from other sources; provided however, that the underlying primary AL insurance, and other excess (if any), shall be no less than \$1,000,000. 3. As set forth in the GL policy, shall provide coverage for: a. Bodily injury, sickness or disease including illness or death of any person. b. Bodily injury, including physical or sexual abuse, misconduct, or molestation. c. Personal or advertising injury. d. Damages caused by physical damage or destruction of tangible property. e. Contractual liability covering the BSA's obligation to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Protected Parties. f. Punitive or Exemplary Damages coverage equal to that which is provided to BSA entities. 4. Shall name the Protected Parties as Additional Insureds on all primary and excess policies. 5. Shall provide a 30-Day Advanced Notice of Non-Renewal or Cancellation to the Charter Organization and shall include a Waiver of Subrogation in favor of the Protected Parties.