



June 21st, 2020

TO: Unit, District, and Council Leadership

FROM: William Poole - Council President
Ben Mills – Executive Vice-President
Gregg Dick - Council Commissioner
David Horton - Scout Executive

RE: Increases in Registration Fee’s – National Council, BSA & Hudson Valley Council

Effective August 1, 2020, the grand total registration fee (National Fee & Local Council Fee) for a youth registering in the Hudson Valley Council for a 12-month period will be \$132. The Grand total registration fee (National Fee & Local Council Fee) for an adult leader registering in the Hudson Valley Council for a 12-month period will be \$84. For those that register during the interim 12-month period, the registration fee for youth members will be prorated at \$11 per month / adult leaders will be prorated at \$7 per month, following the existing format.

National BSA & Hudson Valley Council Fees Effective August 1 st , 2020			
Youth Lion Scouts	Youth Cub Scouts/Scouts BSA/Venturing/Sea Scouts	Youth/Adult Exploring Program	Registered Adult Leaders (Not Lion & Tiger Adult Partners)
National Fee: \$66	National Fee: \$66	National Fee: \$42	National Fee \$ \$42
Hudson Valley Council Fee: \$12	Hudson Valley Council Fee: \$66	Hudson Valley Council Fee: \$12	Hudson Valley Council Fee: \$42
Boys’ Life (Optional): \$12	Boys’ Life (Optional): \$12		Boys’ Life (Optional) \$12
Total with Boys’ Life: \$90	Total with Boys’ Life: \$144		Total with Boys’ Life: \$96
Total without Boys’ Life: \$78	Total without Boys’ Life: \$132	Total: \$54	Total without Boys’ Life: \$84

Starting August 1, 2020, there will also be a one-time \$25 joining fee for **new** program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts; however, there is no joining fee for Exploring participants, participants previously registered in any BSA program, those transferring from one program to another, council-paid memberships, or adult volunteers.

Questions and/or comments should be directed to your District Executive or a member of the Executive Staff. Our District Executive’s may be reached by telephone or via their respective emails, as noted on the council web site. Thank you for supporting the Scouting programs of the Hudson Valley Council.

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FAQ's regarding the per person (youth and/or adult) Registration Fees:

1. **Lion Cub and Tiger Cub adult partners do not pay a registration Fee.** They are added to the charter to show that each Lion Cub and Tiger Cub does have a responsible adult helping them with the program. The fact that they are not “officially” registered means they have no insurance protection and they are not mandated to complete YPT. Having said that – it would be advisable that all parents complete the YPT Training.
2. **The annual Lion Cub Fee will be \$78.** This fee consists of the entire National BSA Fee (\$66) and an additional \$12 collected by the Hudson Valley Council (HVC) to assist in covering the necessary insurances to be in the program.
3. **All new youth and adults (that have never been registered with the BSA) are required to pay a one-time National BSA Joining Fee of \$25.** In the event a youth or adult was registered with BSA at some point in their life – they need not pay the new fee (ie. a youth registered as a Cub Scout 4 years ago and dropped out – now the same youth wants to join a local Scout Troop – that youth would not pay the \$25 joining fee).
4. **Registered adult Leaders (in any capacity) pay an annual fee of \$84.** This registration fee consists of \$42 to BSA and \$42 to Hudson Valley Council (HVC). The \$42 to HVC is a \$6 reduction from 2019. The \$42 to National BSA represents a \$6 increase from 2019.
5. **The Annual Hudson Valley Council Registration Fee will be \$66 per youth member.** This constitutes an \$18 increase vs. 2019. This fee will be pro-rated on a monthly basis – just as the National BSA Registration Fee always has been. In essence, it costs a youth \$11 per month to be registered in the BSA scouting program. The grand total for 12 months is \$132 per person (all-inclusive of the National BSA Fees & the Hudson Valley Council fees). For example: a person decides to register in June in a Rockland Unit that recharter in December – the grand total fee is \$11 x 7 months = \$77. The rate is \$11 per person, per month x June, July, August, Sept., October, November, and December (7 months).
6. **The National Council Registration Fee, Insurance Fee, and the Council Operations and Service fee (Grand Total of \$132)** will be payable at annual charter renewal time. Those that join during the charter year – please refer to number 5.

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7. There will be a **scholarship application** available to unit leaders, at charter renewal time only, on an “as need” basis. Scholarships are available to youth members. Youth scholarships are not “automatic” – the form must be filled out in its entirety, submitted with the charter renewal paperwork, and approved by the council leadership. Youth scholarships are only available to cover the local council portion of the registration fee. The Council Executive Board does not intend to have this become an undue hardship on any specific family, however, that is one of the significant reasons that the HVC fee was set at \$66 vs. a more substantial number. The local Unit Leader will be responsible for submitting those applications, with the appropriate information.
8. **Merit Badge Counselors** that have no adult registration other than that of a Merit Badge Counselor do not pay the \$84 annual fee. Merit Badge Counselors are approved to teach Merit Badges and interact with youth, however, Merit Badge Counselors that have no other BSA registration (ie. Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, Unit Committee member, Commissioner, etc.) are not covered by the BSA insurance plan. Youth Protection Training is required of Merit Badge Counselors. It must be taken every year. Timeframe is August 1 thru December 31.
9. **Explorers and Exploring Leaders will be responsible for paying an annual fee of \$54. The National Council portion of that fee is \$42. The Hudson Valley Council portion of that fee is \$12 - to assist in covering the cost of insurance. Exploring is a part of the Learning for Life program and has always had a different & distinct fee.**

