

# Welcome

## Minsi Trials Council Charter Partner Town Hall Presentation



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# Overview

Thank you for taking the time to review this presentation. The details below are tools/documents Unit Leaders, Charter Organization Representatives, and Charter Partners can utilize to begin discussion and develop a plan on re-starting scouting in their community during this time of uncertainty.

All the tools/documents support safe-best practices for both the Scouting Unit and Charter Partner.

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# Key Areas of Review

1. Partnership between the Charter Partner and the Scouting Unit.
2. Resources
  - [Guide to Safe Scouting](#)
3. [Restart Scouting](#)

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# Partnership

The Scouting program is delivered through civic, faith-based, and educational organizations called chartered organizations, which operate Scouting units to deliver the programs to their youth members, as well as the community at large.

Responsibilities of chartered organizations include providing quality leadership and adequate meeting facilities and for the Scouting unit, as well as appointing a chartered organization representative to coordinate all Scouting unit operations within the organization.

Partnership begins with The Annual Unit Charter Agreement

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# Resources

[Guide to Safe Scouting](#) (Click)

[Youth Protection and Adult Leadership](#)

[Comprehensive General Liability Insurance](#)

[Accident and Sickness Coverage](#)

[Annual Health and Medical Record](#)

[Incident Reporting](#)

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# Youth Protection and Adult Leadership

## Scouting's Barriers to Abuse

The BSA has adopted the following policies for the safety and well-being of its members. These policies primarily protect youth members; however, they also serve to protect adult leaders.

All parents and caregivers should understand that our leaders are to abide by these safeguards. Parents and youth are strongly encouraged to use these safeguards outside the Scouting program.

Registered leaders must follow these guidelines with all Scouting youth outside of Scouting activities.

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# Youth Protection and Adult Leadership

## Scouting's Barriers to Abuse – Continued

### *Registration Requirements*

- The chartered organization representative, or in their absence the executive officer of the chartered organization, must approve the registration of the unit's adult leaders.
- Registration includes:
  - Completion of application including criminal background check and mandatory Youth Protection training
  - Volunteer Screening Database check

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## Comprehensive General Liability Insurance

This coverage provides primary general liability coverage for registered volunteer Scouters with respect to claims arising out of an official Scouting activity, which is defined in the insurance policy as consistent with the values, Charter and Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, operations manuals, and applicable literature of the Boy Scouts of America. This coverage responds to allegations of negligent actions by third parties that result in personal injury or property damage claims that are made and provides protection for Scouting units and chartered organizations on a primary basis.

The general liability policy *does not* provide indemnification or defense coverage to those individuals who commit intentional and/or criminal acts. The Boy Scouts of America does not have an insurance policy that provides defense for situations involving allegations of intentional and/or criminal acts.

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## Chartered Organizations for Scouting Units

- The general liability policy provides primary liability insurance coverage for all chartered organizations on file with the BSA for liability arising out of their chartering a traditional Scouting unit. Automobile and watercraft liability coverage is provided on a secondary or excess basis. All vehicles used in Scouting activities must be covered by automobile liability insurance with limits that meet or exceed the requirements of the state in which the vehicle is licensed. All watercraft used in Scouting must be insured by the owner for liability exposures. The amount of coverage is determined by the size and usage of the boat; \$1 million is recommended.
- Chartered organizations do not need a certificate of insurance. The chartered organization endorsement is a part of the insurance policy contract and is enforceable under the policy contract.

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## Accident and Sickness Coverage

Accident and sickness insurance (also known as accident and health insurance) coverage for Scouts and Scouters furnishes medical reimbursement in case of death, accident, or sickness within the policy amounts.

These plans and policies are excess of any and all other available sources of medical insurance or other health-care benefits.

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## Accident and Sickness Coverage – Continued

In the event there is no other primary insurance or health-care plan, these policies generally pay as primary coverage, subject to the plan limits and terms.

- **All registered youth and seasonal staff are eligible, as well as registered leaders and volunteer leaders.**
- **The coverage provided has maximum limits it pays and a maximum benefit period, usually 52 weeks from the date of the incident.** The plans do not “take care of everything.” Claims should be filed with the accident and sickness carrier as soon as possible along with any other source of medical insurance or other health care benefits.

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## Accident and Sickness Coverage

- Scouts and guests who are being encouraged to become registered Scouts and volunteers are automatically insured while in attendance at a scheduled activity. Other guests are not covered.
- Accident and sickness plans and insurance companies have specific procedures for processing claims. Volunteers need to check with their local council to verify which plan/policy their council provides or is available.
- The plan is available to Minsi Trails Council registered members.

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## Annual Health and Medical Record

Scouting can be physically and mentally demanding. To help its members be better prepared, the Boy Scouts of America recommends that everyone who participates in a Scouting activity have an annual medical evaluation by a certified and licensed health-care provider: a physician (MD or DO), nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. Based on the vast experience of the medical community, the BSA has identified risk factors that could become issues during weekend camping, hikes, treks, tours, or other activities.

For All Scouting Events – Part A, B1, B2: Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization.

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# Guide to Safe Scouting

## A

### Part A: Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

High-adventure base participants:

Expedition/crew No.: \_\_\_\_\_

or staff position: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization

I understand that participation in Scouting activities involves the risk of personal injury, including death, due to the physical, mental, and emotional challenges in the activities offered. Information about those activities may be obtained from the venue, activity coordinators, or your local council. I also understand that participation in these activities is entirely voluntary and requires participants to follow instructions and abide by all applicable rules and the standards of conduct.

In case of an emergency involving me or my child, I understand that efforts will be made to contact the individual listed as the emergency contact person by the medical provider and/or adult leader. In the event that this person cannot be reached, permission is hereby given to the medical provider selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for me or my child. Medical providers are authorized to disclose protected health information to the adult in charge, camp medical staff, camp management, and/or any physician or health-care provider involved in providing medical care to the participant. Protected Health Information/Confidential Health Information (PHI/CHI) under the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 C.F.R. §§160.103, 164.501, etc. seq., as amended from time to time, includes examination findings, test results, and treatment provided for purposes of medical evaluation of the participant, follow-up and communication with the participant's parents or guardian, and/or determination of the participant's ability to continue in the program activities.

(If applicable) I have carefully considered the risk involved and hereby give my informed consent for my child to participate in all activities offered in the program. I further authorize the sharing of the information on this form with any BSA volunteers or professionals who need to know of medical conditions that may require special consideration in conducting Scouting activities.

With appreciation of the dangers and risks associated with programs and activities, on my own behalf and/or on behalf of my child, I hereby fully and completely release and waive any and all claims for personal injury, death, or loss that may arise against the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with any program or activity.

I also hereby assign and grant to the local council and the Boy Scouts of America, as well as their authorized representatives, the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/film/ videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings made of me or my child at all Scouting activities, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all liability from such use and publication. I further authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage, and/or distribution of said photographs/film/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings without limitation at the discretion of the BSA, and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.

*Every person who furnishes any BB device to any minor, without the express or implied permission of the parent or legal guardian of the minor, is guilty of a misdemeanor. (California Penal Code Section 19915[a]) My signature below on this form indicates my permission.*

I give permission for my child to use a BB device. (Note: Not all events will include BB devices.)

Checking this box indicates you DO NOT want your child to use a BB device.



**NOTE:** Due to the nature of programs and activities, the Boy Scouts of America and local councils cannot continually monitor compliance of program participants or any limitations imposed upon them by parents or medical providers. However, so that leaders can be as familiar as possible with any limitations, list any restrictions imposed on a child participant in connection with programs or activities below.

List participant restrictions, if any:  None

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## Incident Reporting

- Timely, clear, concise, and complete incident reports allow for an appropriate response and an opportunity for analysis while promoting continuous improvement of our programs.
- You can now report accidents, near misses, and membership infraction incidents to your local council or enter them yourself at [www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report). (Click)

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## COVID-19 Supplemental Instructions

### Incident Reporting

#### COVID-19 Supplemental Instructions

Read the [COVID-19 Incidents / Exposures – Supplemental Instructions](#).



#### **An incident has occurred:**

1. Take care of the injured/find a safe place.
2. Preserve and document the evidence/take photos if appropriate.
3. Complete an incident report and notify your local council.

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## Incident Reviews – Helpful Safety Moments

- One of the benefits of incident reports is that they can be used to help prevent similar occurrences. While rare, serious and even fatal incidents have impacted the Scouting family.
- The BSA has begun posting a series of review sheets based on incidents that have actually occurred. These reviews can be downloaded at [www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report/incident-reviews](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report/incident-reviews) along with a how-to sheet to help you discuss what can be learned from the incidents and how you can execute the Scouting program safely as designed.

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# Restart Scouting

[Minsitrails.org/update](https://minsitrails.org/update) (Click)

As of 5/8/2020 – Pennsylvania Phases & New Jersey Stages

As of 6/23/2020 - BSA Re-Starting Unit Checklist

As of 8/12/2020 - MTC Unit FAQ Meetings

As of 9/10/2020 – Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist

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