# UNIT & MEMBER RENEWAL

# GUIDEBOOK

### **2025-2026 RESOURCES**

### Unit Renewal and Membership Renewal are separate processes.

#### UNIT RENEWAL

**OCCURS ANNUALLY** 

Unit Renewal is the process to renew or extend the agreement with the Chartering Organization to operate the unit for another year. Through this process, a member of the Key 3 logs into <a href="mailto:my.scouting.org">my.scouting.org</a> to validate Youth Protection/ Safeguarding Youth Training for all adult leaders and then pays the annual renewal fee.

When the online process has concluded, the Hawkeye Area Council requires all parties to complete the **Annual Charter Agreement** form to fully complete the annual renewal process.

#### **FEES**

\$100 = Unit Renewal Fee

#### MEMBER RENEWAL

**OCCURS MONTHLY** 

Beginning August 1, 2023, new members paid the full annual membership fee upon initial registration. Now all memberships are renewed every twelve months upon their initial registration anniversary.

This applies to all youth, adults, and merit badge counselors registered in Scouting.

#### **FEES**

- \$110\* = Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing participants
- \$77\*\* = all adult volunteers
- \$25 = all merit badge counselors
   (fee only applies to merit badge counselors
   who are not already registered as leaders)

\*fee includes the \$25 Hawkeye Area Council fee \*\*fee includes the \$12 Hawkeye Council fee

### Need help with the renewal process?

For more information/guidance, please see these links:

- https://www.scouting.org/resources/unit-and-membership-renewal/
- https://www.HawkeyeScouting.org/unit-and-membership-renewal/

As always, feel free to reach out if you have any questions:

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#### STEP 1: RECEIVE NOTIFICATION

The Unit Key 3 (Chartered Organization Representative, Unit Committee Chair, Unit Leader) and the CR Delegate will receive renewal notification from the system sixty days (two months) prior to the charter expiration date.

#### STEP 2: LOG ON

Access the online Unit Renewal system through my.scouting.org. A member of the unit Key 3 logs into my.scouting.org and clicks on Organization Manager then Unit Renewal. Only members of the Unit Key 3 can process the renewal, Key 3 Delegates do not have access to submit the renewal.

#### STEP 3: REVIEW ROSTER

- 1. This step triggers an automatic validation of the charter. To pass, you must have:
  - **Correct adult leaders**
  - SYT/YPT for those adults

NOTE: If a non-required position has lapsed SYT/YPT, email Tammy to temporarily suspend that person to complete the unit renewal.

- 2. Review the **Unit Leadership** section. To edit positions:
  - The Key 3 (Charter Org Representative, Unit Leaders and Committee Chairs) can click Edit Positions to change positions during the Unit Renewal process.

#### \*Only CORs can approve new adult applications\*

3. Then the person completing the Unit Renewal process (e.g., Key 3 member or CR Delegate) must input their name in the Unit Renewal and Leadership Approval section and then click the Next Step button in the bottom right.

#### **ADULT LEADER POSITION REQUIREMENTS:**

- Packs = CR, Pack Committee Chair, Cubmaster, at least 2 Committee Members, and at least 1 Den Leader.
- Troops, Crews = CR, Unit Committee Chair, unit leader (SM or equivalent), and at least 2 Committee Members.
- Family Cub Scout Packs, female Scouts BSA Troops, and Venturing Crews, must have at least 1 registered female leader.
- The CR can also serve as CC or MC

#### STEP 4: PAY

- To renew by credit card or ACH payment online:
  - There will be a summary page showing totals and directs the unit to pay. Please note: there is an ACH Payment fee of \$1.00 or a Credit Card fee of 3%.
  - Review Renewal Order Status page and print a copy of this page if a receipt is needed.
  - You will get a success message as well as a payment received message.
- To renew and pay at the council office via check or cash only:
  - Click on Click here for Pay at the Council Office Option at the bottom of the page. Here you can download a report and submit payment at the Hawkeye Area Council office or via mail to 660 32nd Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

#### STEP 5: COMPLETE ANNUAL CHARTER AGREEMENT\*

- 1. Download, fill out, and print the Annual Unit Charter Agreement.
- 2. Review the Annual Unit Charter Agreement and have it signed by the following people:
  - Charter Organization (Executive Officer) The name of the Executive Officer can be found in My.Scouting.org. Organization Manager > Position Manager > Registered Positions.
  - **Charter Organization Representative (CR)**
  - **Unit Committee Chair**
- 3. Return to the Hawkeye Area Council for our signature, via:
  - 1. Dropping off at the Hawkeye Area Council office
  - 2. Mail to 660 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
  - 3. Email to tammy.erickson@scouting.org

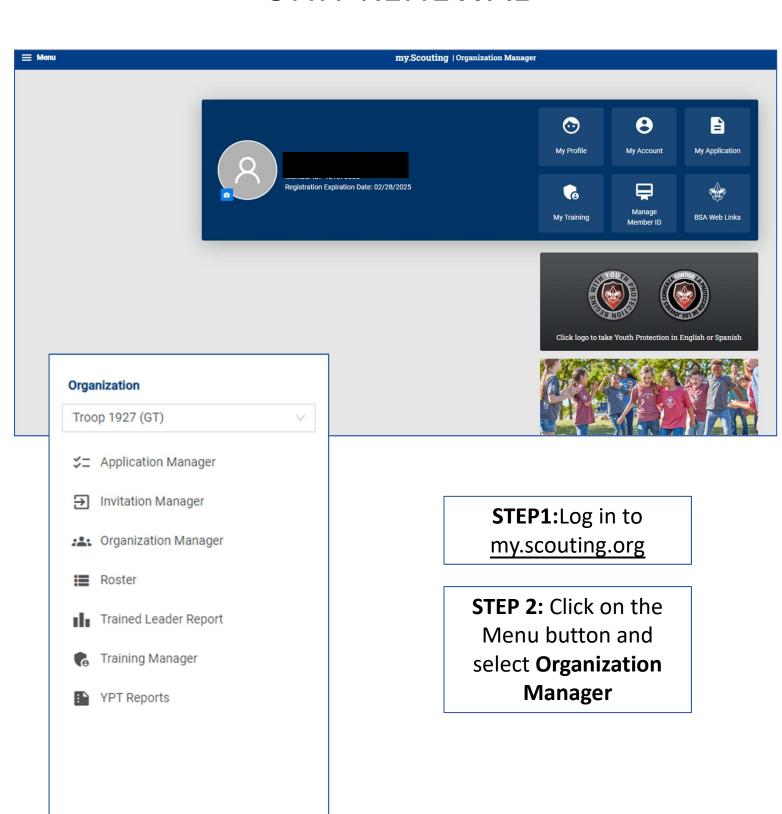
\*REQUIRED PROCESS FOR COMPLETION BY THE HAWKEYE AREA COUNCIL\*







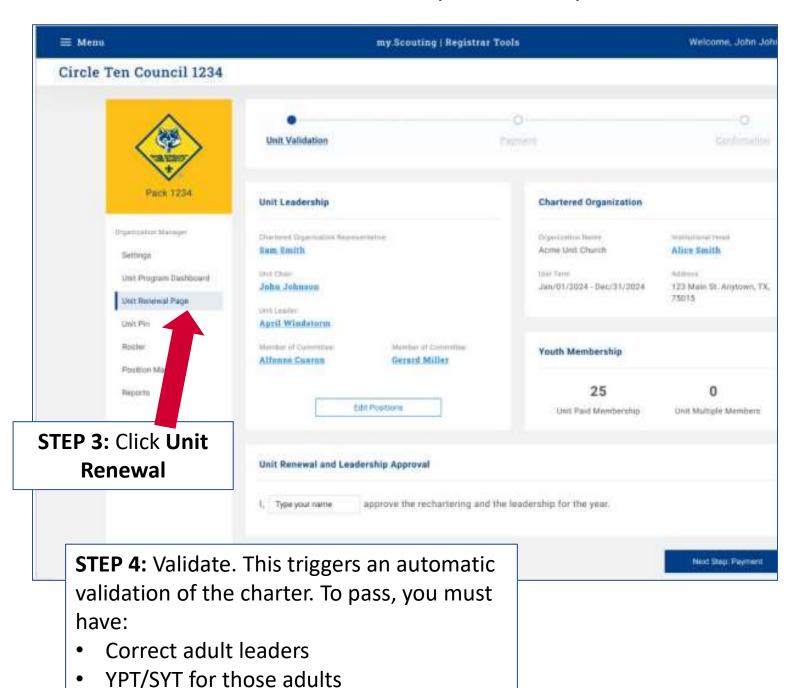
## **UNIT RENEWAL**







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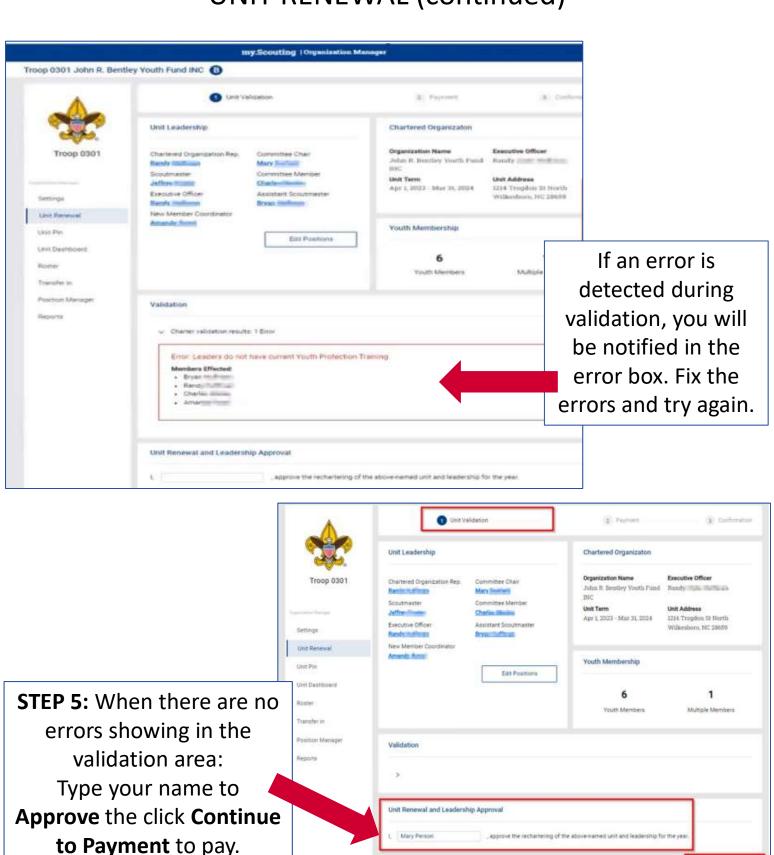


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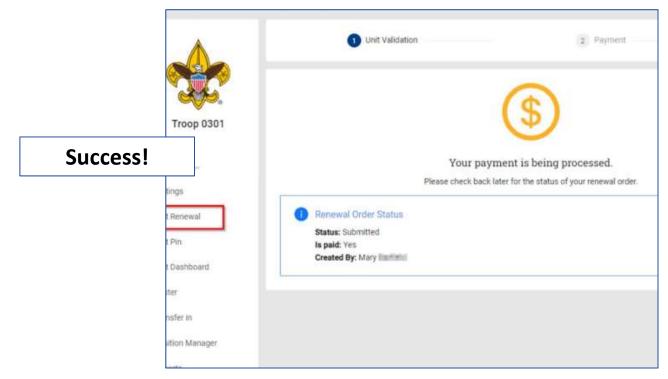






## **UNIT RENEWAL (continued)**





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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - UNIT RENEWAL

#### When can a unit begin the renewal process?

The recharter system opens for all units 60 days prior to the expiration date.

#### Who can submit the Unit Renewal?

The Charter Organization Rep, Committee Chairman, or Unit Leader are the only positions that can submit the Unit Renewal.

#### When are Unit Renewals due?

Unit Renewals are due by December Roundtable, 12/4/2025

### Are we required to pay online?

No, there is an option to pay at the council office. Units can pay for the recharter in several ways:

- By credit card online: units will have to pay 3% a processing fee.
- By e-check online: units will have to pay a \$1 processing fee.
- Mailing a check to Hawkeye Area Council at 660 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
- Delivering a check to the Hawkeye Area Council Service Center

### Can we pay for unit renewals using a credit card at the council office?

We recommend paying with cash or check for all renewals to the Hawkeye Area Council. Any credit card transactions moving forward will be charged a 4% credit card processing fee at the Hawkeye Area Council.

# Do we print out the charter paperwork and have the Chartered Organization Representative sign it?

No. With the new Unit Renewal process, there is no step to submit physical paperwork to the Chartered Organization to approve it. Units need to use the **Annual Charter Agreement** and meet with their chartering organization before submitting the Unit Renewal.

# We need to change adult leadership positions within the unit, can this take place during the Unit Renewal process?

Only the Chartered Organization Representative (CR) can approve new adult applications.

**However**, changes to adult leadership positions can be done by Unit Leaders and Committee Chairs during the renewal process online.

# RENEWAL



### There are two options for individuals to renew their Scouting America membership:

#### **OPTION 1: INDIVIDUAL RENEW REGISTRATION**

Beginning 60 days before their expiration date, individuals will receive text and email communication from the National Council that will prompt them to renew their registration. To renew this way, individuals can either renew online or manually with the Hawkeye Area Council. See below for instructions.

- Renew online at my.scouting.org
  - Click on the link in the email that will direct individuals to <a href="mailto:my.scouting.org">my.scouting.org</a> to <a href="mailto:my.scouting.org">my.scouting.org</a> and click the red notification button in the top right-hand corner.
  - This will direct individuals to pay online and renew their registration in a few clicks.
- Manually renew at the Hawkeye Area Council
  - Print out the **Manual Payment form** generated from <u>my.scouting.org</u> and submit with payment to the Hawkeye Area Council in person or via mail: 660 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

#### Important Info:

- Parents will have to create a <u>my.scouting.org</u> account if they do not have one already.
- Parents with multiple Scouts will only need to create one account as <u>my.scouting.org</u> has already linked their Member ID with all of their children. If parents discover this has not happened, simply contact the Hawkeye Area Council at <u>tammy.erickson@scouting.org</u>.

#### **OPTION 2: UNIT RENEWS INDIVIDUAL**

Using this method, individuals can pay the unit, and the unit can renew registrations on their behalf. This is ideal for units that pay for renewals through funds from Scout accounts. To renew this way:

- A member of the unit Key 3 logs into <u>my.scouting.org</u> and clicks on **Organization Manager** then **Roster**.
- To renew by credit card or ACH payment online:
  - The unit leadership selects members who are eligible to renew and then simply clicks Renew in the header bar.
  - There will be a summary page showing totals and directing the unit to pay. Please note: there is an ACH Payment fee of \$1.00 or a Credit Card fee of 3%.
- To renew and pay at the council office via check or cash:
  - The unit leadership selects members who are eligible to renew and then simply clicks **Print** in the header bar and then clicks **Unit Payment of Membership Renewal**. Here you can download a report and submit payment at the Hawkeye Area Council office or via the mail: 660 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

#### Important Info:

- Units can only renew members beginning two months before their expiration date through the two-month "lapsed" period after their expiration date.
- Units can complete this process at any time and as many times as they want! This means that if units are waiting on payment from individuals, they can come back and renew them once payment is made to the unit.
- Units can also **Opt-Out** a member from renewing if they have left the unit.
- You can also see a person's multiple registrations by clicking Show Multiple Registrations. To continue with the renewal, click Create Renewal Orders.
- Remember, all renewals are for 12 months and begin the day after the expiration date of the current registration.
- Members will need to log into their own <u>my.scouting.org</u> account and renew their Multiple (other non-paid) registrations in order to continue in those positions or have the other unit renew those Multiple positions

# RENEWAL



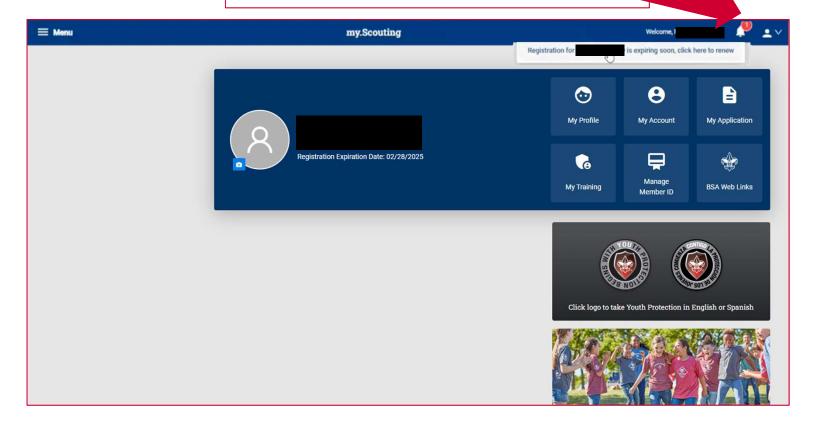
### **OPTION 1: INDIVIDUALS RENEW REGISTRATION**

WHEN PAYING ONLINE WITH CREDIT CARD

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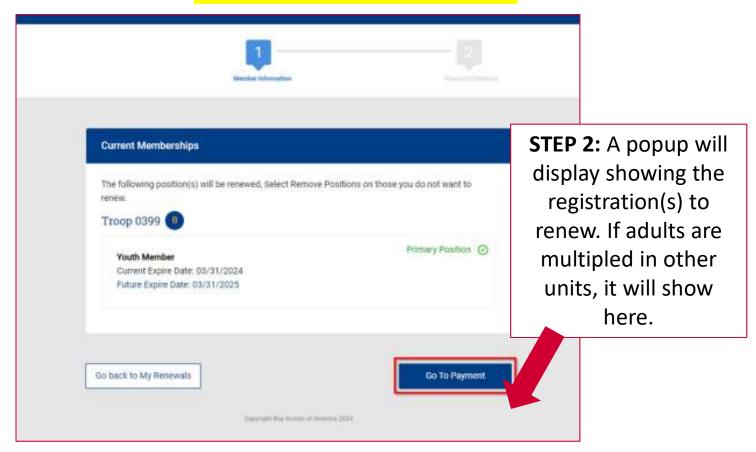
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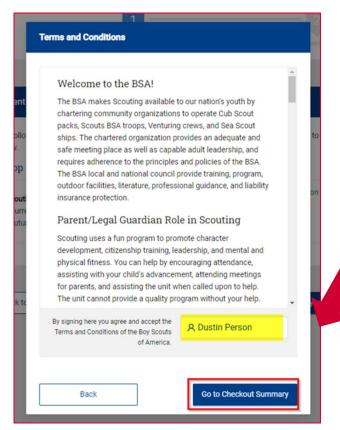




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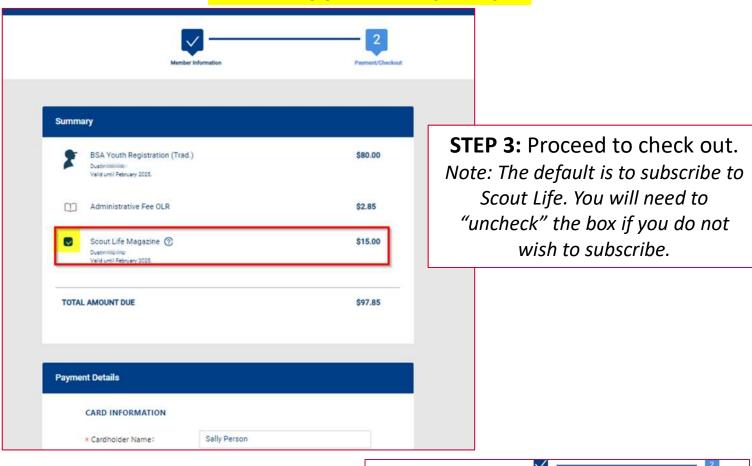


For adults: a popup will display that will require an acknowledgement that they agree with the Terms and Conditions.

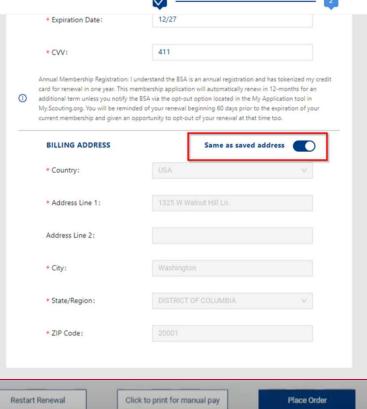


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WHEN PAYING ONLINE WITH CREDIT CARD



STEP 4: Proceed to pay.
Individuals can pay online by selecting Place Order. Or select Click to print for manual pay to pay the council or to pay the unit.

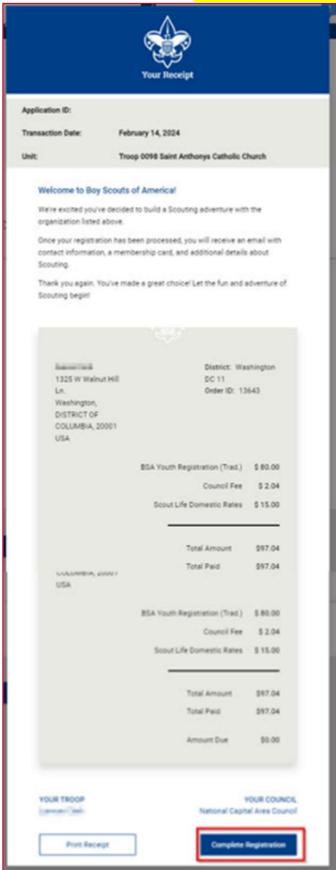


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### WHEN PAYING ONLINE WITH CREDIT CARD



process is completed, your receipt will show. Click on the "Complete Registration"

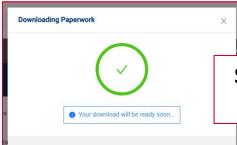
Tab at the bottom and you will be directed back to your applications in My.Scouting.



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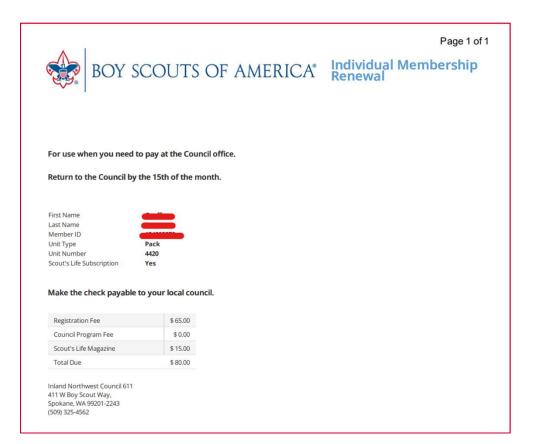
WHEN PAYING DIRECT TO THE HAWKEYE AREA COUNCIL

Follow Steps 1-4 on pages 10-12



**STEP 5:** A popup will display that the paperwork is downloading

paperwork and payment to the Hawkeye Area Council. See below for more details.

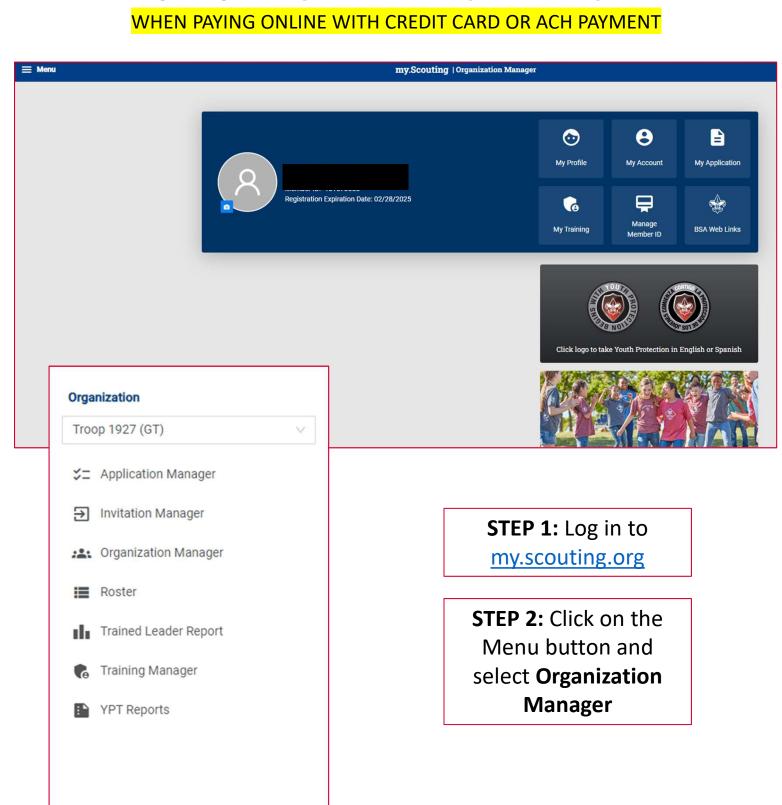


Deliver **check** or **cash** (credit card with 4% fee) along with this printout directly to the Hawkeye Area Council Service Center, or mail to:

Hawkeye Area Council
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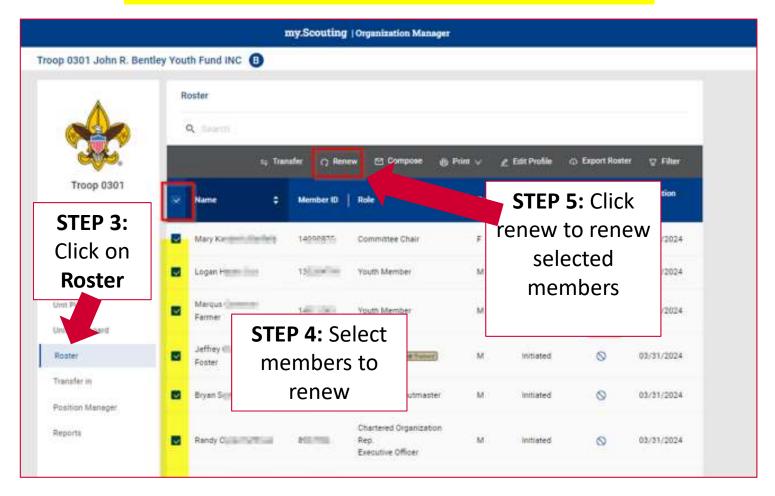
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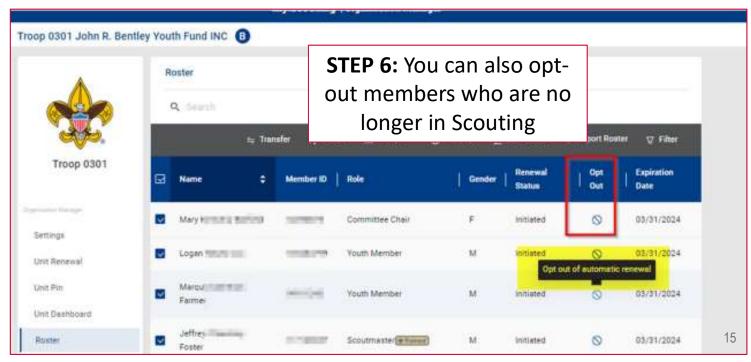




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WHEN PAYING ONLINE WITH CREDIT CARD OR ACH PAYMENT

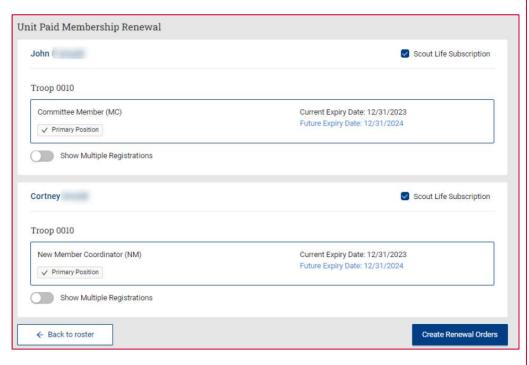






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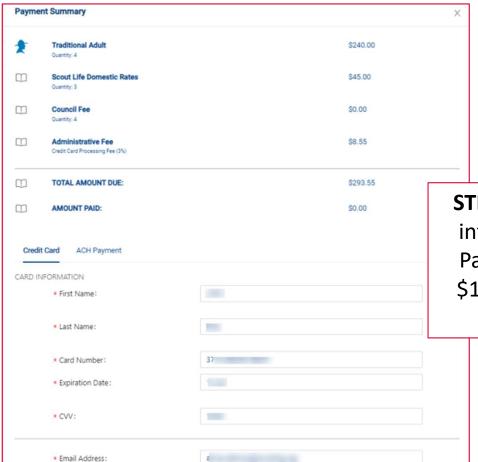
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**STEP 7:** A list of the members you are renewing displays.

NOTE: Scout Life will be selected by default. If you have members who do not want to subscribe, uncheck the box.

You can also see a person's multiple registrations by clicking Show Multiple Registrations. To continue with the renewal, click Create Renewal Orders.

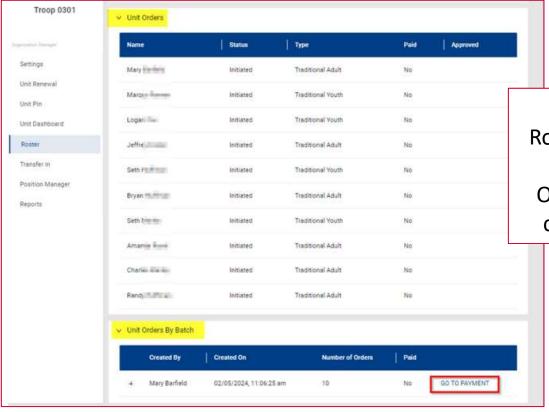


**STEP 8:** Enter payment information. The ACH Payment admin fee is \$1.00; the Credit Card admin fee is 3%.



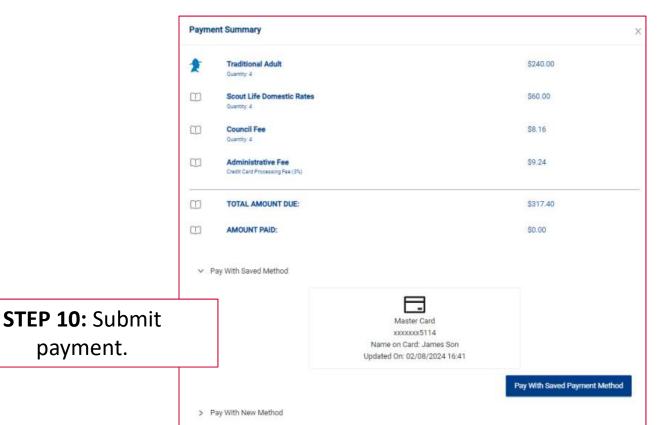
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payment.

STEP 9: Go back to Roster. Then select Unit Orders and/or Unit Orders by Batch. Then click Go to Payment.

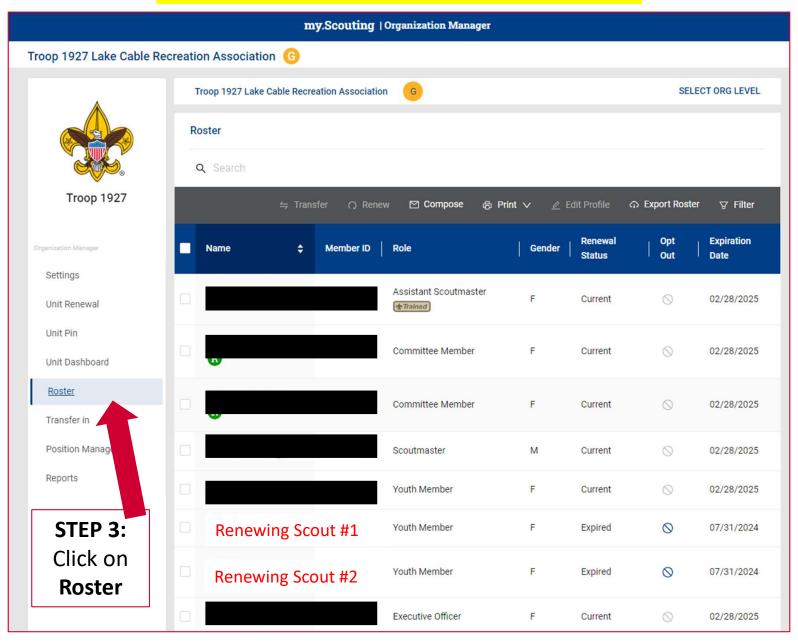


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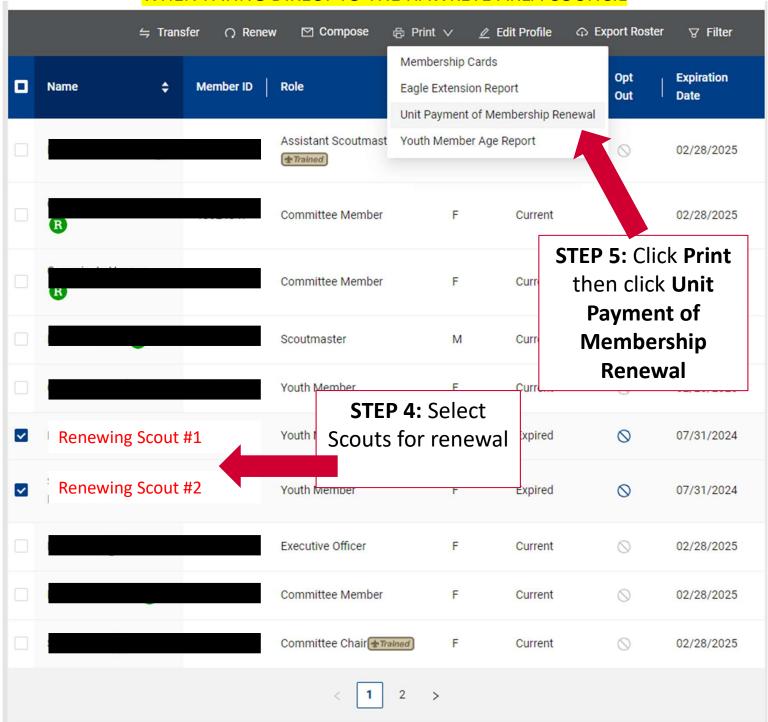


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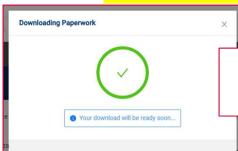


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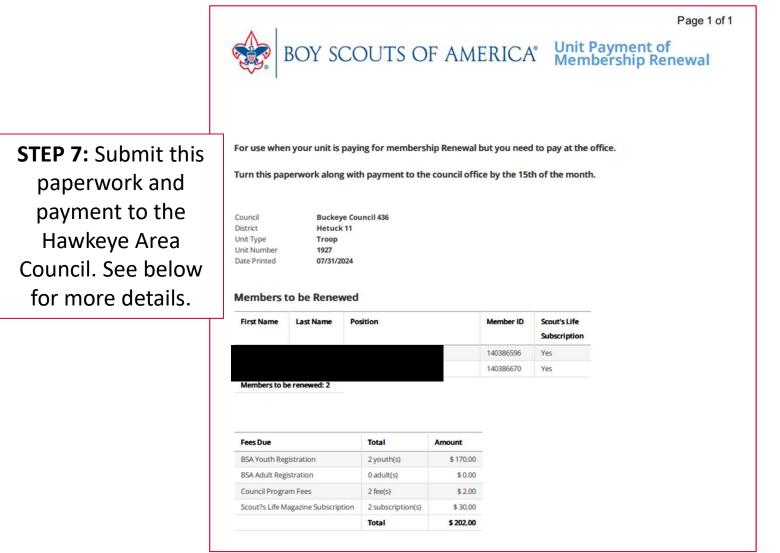


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**STEP 6:** A popup will display that the paperwork is downloading



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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - MEMBER RENEWAL

### What is the proper way to renew someone who is multipled into another unit?

If the individual renews themselves, they can renew all positions at once. If the unit chooses to renew them, then each unit must renew the member. Individuals who are multipled should tell all units which one they are paying with to be their "primary unit" to avoid overpaying.

# What is the process to register two youth with the same adult partner if one is a Lion and another a Tiger?

The unit should have the ability to assign the parent to more than one youth who is a Tiger or Lion when submitting their renewal. Parents of twins is another such example.

### We have a family needing registration assistance. How does that work?

The Hawkeye Area Council offers registration assistance for all families who express a need. The **Application for Assistance** located on the Hawkeye Area Council website should be filled out and submitted. We recommend turning in the Membership Assistance Form along with the Youth Application, then based on the amount approved, submitting the balance of the fees to the Hawkeye Area Council.

### Will it be possible to align all members of a family to one renewal date?

No. Registration terms are a set 12-month term from the date of registration.

### What if there is a Scout registered as a Crew member but also an adult leader in a Troop?

The youth position in the Crew should be the paid position, with the adult position in the Troop being a multiple position. This qualifies the members to attend any camps or events where youth registration is a requirement or allows them to work on any youth awards.

#### How do I renew individuals and use Scout account funds for their fees?

Scout account funds are held by the unit, therefore the unit should pay for the full registration and debit the Scout account.

#### Can we pay for member renewals using a credit card at the council office?

We recommend paying with cash or check for all renewals. Any credit card transactions will be charged a 4% credit card processing fee at the Hawkeye Area Council.