



Dear Scouter,

On behalf of the commissioner staff and the council leadership team, thank you so for bringing Scouting to life in the Greater Alabama Council! Your passion and dedication continue to build a stronger and more lasting program for our Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers.

The rechartering season is now upon us, and this letter will serve as a guide as you register your youth members and leaders for 2014-2015. Below you'll find helpful links, updates from the council, and a few new tools to help make 2015 an even better year for Scouting. As we prepare to open the online rechartering system in October, your unit rechartering access code will be mailed and emailed to you.

During the May Council Commissioners Conference a vote was taken to move all unit recharterers to the month of December. The Executive Board approved the Commissioners decision with a unanimous vote at the Summer Board meeting. The benefits of this change are below...

Benefits to parents & youth: Helps with consistent membership dues and will simplify recruitment messages.

Benefits to Packs: This will allow Cub Scout Packs to easily add new members during the fall recruitment and then remove those who are no longer in the unit after the fall recruitment.

Benefits to Troops: Packs will recharter Webelos and it will make for easy transfers to the troop.

Benefits to all units: Recharterers will be turned in at Roundtable before the holidays. Rechartering will be during a lower program time allowing for an easier rechartering process.

Benefits to commissioners: Rechartering will not be a yearlong process. All commissioners will be on the same time table, and this will give the council an opportunity for clarity of communication during the process.

Helpful Links

- **Internet Rechartering website** – scoutnet.scouting.org/UCRS
- **Rechartering Tutorial** – scoutnet.scouting.org/UCRS/Help/tutorial/main.html
- **Annual Charter Agreement** – www.scouting.org/filestore/membership/pdf/524-182_web.pdf
- **Unit Renewal Application Instructions** – www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-420.pdf
- **Membership Inventory** – www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-176_WB.pdf
- **Tour & Activity Plan Overview** – www.scouting.org/scoutsources/healthandsafety/alerts/touractivityplan.aspx
- **Journey to Excellence Forms** – www.scouting.org/jte
- **New MyScouting Tools** – www.MyScouting.org

Yours in Scouting!

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