



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

BALTIMORE AREA COUNCIL

As Scouters, our work impacts the lives of young people. Leading is not always easy, but it is important. The Baltimore Area Council, Boy Scouts of America commits to be transparent and open regarding communication from National BSA to assist you. We also ask you to continue to stand by the BSA and advocate for Scouting.

Families today have many options, but we are confident there is no other program providing the leadership training and character development Scouting provides. Keeping safety of our youth at the forefront of all we do, we felt it important to share with you the following information.

One of the Boy Scouts of America's many Barriers to Abuse is a mandatory criminal background check during the volunteer application process. The BSA will now also perform periodic rechecks of criminal backgrounds to support the continued safety of youth in our programs. The first periodic recheck will take place in January 2020.

All currently registered adults should be receiving an email this week from the National Council with three separate background check disclosures and authorization form documents. Those documents are: (1) the Background Check Disclosure; (2) the Maryland State Law Disclosures (Non-Credit); and (3) the Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization. A copy of the three documents and additional information can be found as individual links [here](#).

All volunteer leaders will need to sign a background check authorization form and return these forms to the Council Service Center before your charter renewal. Authorization is a state requirement, and volunteers without a form will not be able to be a registered leader.

The Baltimore Area Council will make these forms available at roundtables, the council service center, and with District Executives for those who do not receive the email. Remember, a new, signed authorization form is required before annual registration will be processed.

Please contact Sandi.Trevino@scouting.org in Membership Standards with any questions.

Thank you for your commitment to Scouting, and your patience and understanding during these dynamic times.

Yours in Scouting,

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