

METACOMET NEWSLETTER

METACOMET DISTRICT, WMASS COUNCIL, BSA

[HTTPS://WWW.WMASSCOUTING.ORG/METACOMET](https://www.wmasscouting.org/metacomet)

Internet Charter Renewal in Open

In the Boy Scouts of America, a charter authorizes an organization to operate BSA Scouting units. It certifies the agreement between a chartered organization – an organization that agrees to utilize Scouting as a part of its service to youth – and the BSA, setting expectations for the quality of program to be delivered. Chartered organizations must submit an application to the Council annually to renew its charter. The requirement to renew a charter (1) Fosters a formal, timely plan for regular dialogue between charter organization and BSA, and (2) Assures membership is current so Scouts can participate in Scouting activities and advance in rank.

Where to start:

Before you log into my.scouting.org, you should complete a membership inventory. Contact all active and inactive youth and adults their membership, Boys' Life subscription, and adult roles for 2019.

Five Stages of Internet Chartering Renewal:

1. Stage 1: Load Roster—Choose to load the unit information from the council or upload your unit record from a 3rd party software.
2. Stage 2: Update Roster—Update Charter information, select the members you wish to renew, promote members, add new members, edit member information, and review the adult positions required in your unit.
3. Stage 3: Check Roster—Internet Rechartering automatically checks the roster against the BSA rules for membership, including adult Youth Protection Training. You make any corrections necessary.
4. Stage 4: Summary—Update fees for multiple registrations and Boys' Life subscriptions.
5. Stage 5: Submit Roster—Your Executive Officer (aka Institutional Head) can sign electronically to approve the application and all registering adults. There is still an option to sign in person. Payment can be paid to the Western Massachusetts Council in cash, check or unit deposit account. Online Credit Card and E-Check payments are available, however it is important to note that if you overpay the refund will come from the National Office, not our Council Office.

Almost, but you are not quite done yet:

You have only finished the online portion. Print the Unit Charter Renewal Report Package, obtain the appropriate approval signatures (unless you did this electronically), attach new member applications, CORI forms, and certificates of Youth Protection Training for adults, include payment of fees (unless done electronically), fill out the FOS & JTE paperwork, and deliver it all to your Unit Commissioner, a District Key 3 member, or the Western Massachusetts Council office.

BSA Brand Center

Discover marketing resources, photos, and videos to grow Scouting in your local council.

[HTTPS://SCOUTING.WEBDAMDB.COM/BP/#/](https://scouting.webdamdb.com/bp/#/)

Don't forget to follow the Metacomet District on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/metacometwmc/>

Upcoming Dates:

Commissioner Meeting, Nov 1, 6:30pm, Hadley Sr Center

District Committee Meeting, Nov 1, 7pm, Hadley Sr Center

Recharter Workshop, Nov 8, 6pm, Hadley Sr Center

Roundtable, Nov 8, 7pm, Hadley Sr Center

Goods & Services Auction, Nov 15, 5:30pm, Hadley Sr Center

WHOA, Nov 17, Moses

Eagle Seminar, Nov 20, 7pm, All Saints Church, S. Hadley

College of Commissioner Science, Dec 1, 8am, American International College

Commissioner Meeting, Dec 6, 6:30pm, TBA

District Committee Meeting, Dec 6, 7pm, TBA

Roundtable & Charter Turn In, Dec 13, 7pm, Hadley Sr Center

WHOA, Dec 15, Moses

Commissioner Meeting, Jan 3, 6:30pm, Hadley Sr Center

District Committee Meeting, Jan 3, 7pm, Hadley Sr Center

Roundtable, Jan 10, 7pm, Hadley Sr Center

WHOA, Jan 19, Moses

Boston Museum of Science, Jan 20-21, Boston

Boy Scout Klondike, Jan 26, TBA

Cub Scout Yukon Daze, Jan 26, 9:30am, TBA

24th World Scout Jamboree 2019, Jul 22-Aug 2, West Virginia

Making Metacomet District GREAT!!!!

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Upcoming In-Person Trainings:

Jan 5—The Fundamentals of Training (Youth and Adult)
Apr 27-28—Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (Boy Scout)
Sep 6-8 & Oct 12-14—Wood Badge Course N2-234-19

<https://www.wmascouting.org/calendar/452/Training>

BSA Miscellany

- Have you installed the free myScouting mobile app? New bug fixes and features are being added regularly. You can complete online training here as well!
 <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/myscouting/id1186037730?mt=8>
 <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.myscouting&hl=en>
- Please schedule your FOS presentation now in your Recharter Packet to help our volunteer team
- Remember to enter your units Service Hours online at my.scouting.org under Menu>Legacy Web Tools>Service Hours Reporting. Our current JTE report shows great improvement with our Scouts on average providing 4.19 hours of community service each, up from 1.18 hours reported last year.
- Be certain that all Scout Rank advancements for 2018 have been reported to the Council Registrar using an Advancement Report—<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34403.pdf>
- Roundtable handouts are available online shortly after each meeting at the bottom of this webpage <https://www.wmascouting.org/met-roundtable>
- 5 direct leaders completing their position specific training would bring the District to a bronze level for JTE (10 would be silver, 20 gold)
- Having a knowledgeable Scouter providing input can ensure a unit's success. We are in need of unit commissioners to serve the Metacomet area. Please contact Greg at 413-297-4963 or greg.allen.williams@gmail.com in order to join in on the fun and make a difference in the Metacomet District.
- The Metacomet District has many opportunities, large and small, to help our units and district grow again. Please ask us how we might assist you in helping out.



WORONOCO HEIGHTS OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

This program offers a variety of seasonal activities on one Saturday each month from September to June. These include ice fishing, show shoeing, rifle and shotgun, cooking, ATVs, blacksmithing, ham radio and more. This program is open to anyone ages 5 and up, whether you are a Scout or not. Whether you come with your unit or with your family, plan to have some fun. Each program is available from 9 am until 3 pm. You may arrive/leave at any time. Cost for a day's activities are \$10 for youth up to 9 years old and \$15 for those 10 or older. Check-in will be at the Trading Post.

Nov 17 Dec 15 Jan 19

<https://www.wmascouting.org/WHOA>