



LDS Unit Expiration Date Change – August 1, 2018 **Frequently Asked Questions and Information Memo**

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On May 8, 2018 a joint statement was released from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Boy Scouts of America stating that, effective December 31, 2019, the LDS Church will conclude its relationship as a chartered organization. To streamline local council operations going forward, the LDS Church and the BSA have agreed that all units chartered by the LDS Church will be automatically be extended to a December 31, 2019 expiration date.

I. Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What preparation will Councils need to make for managing renewal of LDS-chartered Packs and Troops?

A: None. The expiration date for all LDS-chartered Packs and Troops will be automatically extended to December 31, 2019. The change of unit expiration dates will occur during December 2018.

Q: Will LDS-chartered Packs and Troops use Internet Rechartering?

A: No. Because they will be extended, there will be no need for Internet Rechartering. The Access Codes for LDS-chartered units are no longer be available.

Q: Can new LDS Packs and Troops be chartered, if required to serve available youth?

A: Yes. Any new LDS-chartered Pack or Troop must have an expiration of December 31, 2019. The last effective date for a new LDS-chartered Pack or Troop will be July 1, 2019 with a six-month term. No new unit may be added with an effective date later than July 1, 2019.

Q: Will Councils continue to add new members (Additional Enrollments) to LDS unit rosters?

A: Yes. New youth members and adult leaders can be added to any active LDS-chartered Pack or Troop roster during 2018 and 2019.

Q: Will Councils continue to transfer members (Transfer Registrants) to move youth or adults to other units?

A: Yes. Councils will use the same process they currently use to move a youth member or adult leader from one unit to another.

Q: What process should be used to move a current LDS youth or adult to a unit chartered by another organization?

A: Councils should use the Transfer Registrant process to move a youth or adult from an LDS-chartered Pack or Troop to another Pack or Troop within the Council. If the youth or adult is to remain in the LDS unit also, then the council should use Additional Enrollments to add the registrant as Multiple when adding to the other unit's roster (this will not be considered as Transfer). Using either the Transfer Registrant or Multiple designation keeps membership counts valid by counting each registrant once.

Q: Will Change Position and Expire Registration continue to be used?

A: Yes. As needed Councils can make changes to unit rosters. Extended leaders who have been released from callings should be encouraged to contact the council registrar to be removed from rosters.

Q: Will Boys' Life also be automatically extended for current subscribers in LDS-Chartered Packs and Troops?

A: No. The automatic renewal of LDS-charted Packs and Troops to the expiration date of December 31, 2019, WILL NOT extend the Boys' Life magazine subscription term. The ADD Boys' Life Subscription process in the membership system should be used for members wishing to extend their subscription upon payment of the appropriate fee to the Council.

Q: How will Registration Certificates be handled?

A: Once LDS Packs and Troops are automatically renewed in December and the new December 31, 2019 expiration date is displayed in my.Scouting, Councils should advise units that registration certificates reflecting the new expiration date may be printed through my.Scouting

Q: Will LDS Unit Rosters remain available?

A: Yes. LDS Unit Rosters will display the updated unit expiration date and all unit roster information.

Q: How will Youth Protection Training (YPT) be verified?

A: When adding a new adult in a YPT required position, current Youth Protection Training compliance will be verified and if the applicant is not YPT compliant, the registration cannot be posted. Adult leaders currently registered in LDS-chartered Packs and Troops at the time the units are renewed, will not be verified for current YPT compliance, but these adults will continue to receive e-mail notifications to renew YPT 60 days, 30 days and 2 weeks prior to YPT expiring and then every 2 weeks after YPT has expired. Extended leaders who have been released from callings should be encouraged to contact the council registrar to be removed from rosters. The LDS Church has encouraged all leaders to take YPT even if they do not plan to continue beyond 2019.

Q: Is there any direction from the LDS Church on Updating BSA Rosters?

A: Yes. It may be found at <https://www.lds.org/bc/content/shared/english/young-men/PD60006607-Updating-BSA-Rosters-eng.pdf>

II. Scout Executive/Field Executive/Registrar Information

Q: Why was this change made?

A: This change was specifically made to reduce the workload on LDS unit volunteers, commissioners, and council staff. Because LDS charters will be automatically renewed, it is imperative that the process for updating rosters be followed to ensure that all youth and adults are properly registered. Invite your council LDS-BSA Relationships Committee to help with this process. New applications should be validated and posted as usual.

III. Unit Leader/Committee Information

Q: Are there any changes with non-unit registrations?

A: No. There are no changes with non-unit registrations.

Q: What additional resources are available and where can I find those?

A: Call your Local Council Service Center, District Executive, or Unit Commissioner for additional support and information.

IV. Commissioner Team Information

Q: Are there any changes with non-unit registrations?

A: No. There are no changes with non-unit registrations.

Q: What can the Commissioner Team do to help with the Automatic Renewal Process?

A: Provide this FAQ and Information Memo to unit leadership and review any questions that they may have.