

Sample Charter Presentation

Plan unit program around the charter presentation. Participants in the charter ceremony should include the head of the chartered organization, the chartered organization representative, pack committee chairman, members of the committee, unit leaders and assistants, den leaders, webelos leaders, den chiefs and youth members of the unit.

This ceremony may be used at a meeting of a service club or as a part of the religious service of a chartered organization religious group. It is important to make the unit known to the organization and how many volunteers and youth are involved.

Sample Presentation Ceremony – *(made for religious organization but can be changed by a few words)*

Opening Statement: I am pleased to be with you to recognize the great relationship that exists between the Boy Scouts of America and your chartered organization. The Boy Scouts of America is a program that exists primarily to serve chartered organizations and their needs as they reach out to serve youth of their respective organizations and youth in the nearby community. In recognition of this great relationship I would like to call forward at this time the chairman and members of the unit committee.

Charge to the Unit Committee: Your committee members have assumed the responsibility of being the board of directors for this Cub Scout Pack in your chartered organization. The chairman of the committee presides over the monthly meetings of the pack committee and also assumes the direction of the Cub Scout Pack should the Cubmaster and his/her assistants be unable to serve in their leadership capacities. To all of you members of the committee, you have assumed the obligation and role of providing the pack with advancement opportunities, providing the pack with information on events and activities conducted by the district and council, provided the pack with information on summer camping opportunities, provided the financial stability in support of approved money-raising project for pack activities, and guaranteeing continuity of the pack through the years. On behalf of the Chartered Organization, do you accept these responsibilities to be accomplished to the best of your ability? If so, answer "we do". Congratulations! Here are your registration cards. (present to each person)

Charge to the Cubmaster and Assistants: You men and women have accepted a major role on behalf of this chartered organization by assuming leadership of young people who will enjoy the Scouting program. You have accepted the responsibility of providing weekly programs, monthly pack meetings, and participation in council and district events for your pack members. The time you devote to the sons of members of the congregation and neighborhood will only be rewarded in the satisfaction you get from seeing these young men grow into great American citizens who will live by the Cub Scout Promise and the Scout Oath and Law. Do you accept these registration cards as a token of your commission in Scouting?

Charge to the Chartered Organization Representative: You have been accepted by your chartered organization to represent it as a voice in the local council of the Boy Scouts of America. You become an automatic voting member of the local council and represent your organization at the annual council meeting which selects leadership for the council for each ensuing year. In addition, you have the responsibility of coordinating the various Scouting units that exist in your chartered organization, making sure that they work one with the other to coordinate a natural graduation program from the Cub Scout pack to Boy Scout troop to Varsity Scout team. We hope you will also provide assistance to the district whenever and wherever your time could be made available, in addition to your responsibilities to your local organization and the local council. Will you accept this responsibility? If so, answer, "I will" (present registration card)

Charge to Den Chiefs: You have been selected as the youth leaders or den chiefs of this Cub Scout pack. You will be expected to be an example and you will be asked to provide leadership, program ideas, and initiative to all members who fall under your influence. You are, above all, expected to abide by the Scout Oath and Law and set a leadership pattern for all to follow. Will you accept these responsibilities? If so, answer "We will"

Charge to Members of Pack: Will all members of the pack please stand? As members of the Cub Scout Pack, will you do your best to attend meetings regularly, provide assistance to your leaders, take the opportunity to pursue advancement, and abide by the Cub Scout Promise at all times? If so, answer "We will".

Charge to Parents: Will all parents stand? As parents, you are expected to attend all pack meetings, Webelos overnights, pack family camping, and Tiger Adult partners are expected to attend all functions with their Tiger Cubs. You are expected to help provide leadership support when needed and be willing helpers in time of need. In order for the unit to have an outstanding quality program quality leadership and good parental support is a must. If you are willing to do your best to support the leadership of the chartered organization and provide what assistance you can give to the program, please answer "We Will".

Charge to the Organization: Will all members of the (organization) congregation please stand? You have heard the Pack committee, the Pack leadership, the Chartered Organization Representative, the Den Chiefs, members of the pack, and parents all pledge their support to the Scouting program in this chartered organization. May we ask you to cooperate and work with the Scout leadership chosen by your chartered organization and provide, whenever called upon, assistance and help to make this program a vibrant living part of the youth outreach of your congregation? If so, answer "We Will".

Charge to the Pastor or (head of the organization): Pastor, you have heard of the complete cooperation and willingness of not only the leaders but members of your congregation (organization) in supporting the BSA Scouting program as a major youth program for your congregation. With the acknowledgment of this support, I am pleased to present to you the charter signifying your right to use the regulations of your chartered organization or congregation and those of Scouting. On behalf of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, I present your charter and pledge the cooperation of the local district, council, area, and region to help make the program a vibrant living part of your ministry to youth.

*I would also like at this time to introduce the volunteers (if present) from our district who will provide support for you. (District Chairman, *your unit commissioner*, district commissioner, any other visiting Scouters) Thank you for the opportunity to present the charter and thank you for accepting Scouting as a program of action for your organization.

*Unit Commissioner may be making presentation