

Charter Presentation Ceremony

This ceremony may be used at a meeting of a service club or as a part of the regular religious service of a chartered organization religious group.

Note: A short inspirational message could be added to the following suggested charter presentation ceremony. Note also that this ceremony is written for a troop, and must be adapted for use at a pack, team, crew, or ship charter presentation ceremony.

Opening Statement. “I am please to be with you to recognize the great relationship that exists between the Boy Scouts of America and _____ (name of organization). The Boy Scouts of America 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 chair and members of the (unit committee).”

Charge to the Unit Committee. “You have assumed the responsibility of being the board of directors for Boy Scout Troop _____ (number) at _____ (organization). The chair of the committee presides over the monthly meetings of the troop committee and also assumes the direction of the troop should be Scoutmaster or assistants be unable to serve. As members of the committee, you have assumed the obligation of providing the troop with camping experiences, advancement opportunities, information on events and activities conducted by the district and council, transportation for troop activities, and financial stability in support of approved money-raising projects; and guaranteeing continuity of the troop 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.’ (*Committee members respond.*)

“Congratulations! Here are your registration cards.” (*Present cards to each person.*)

Charge to the Scoutmaster and/or Assistants. (*Call forward the Scoutmaster and assistants before the combined assembly.*) “You 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 camping trips, and participation in council and district events for your troop members. The time you devote to these young people will only be rewarded in the satisfaction you get from seeing them grow into great American citizens who will live by the Scout Oath and Law. Do you accept the mantle of this great responsibility? If so, answer ‘We do.’

“Congratulations! Please accept these registration cards as a token of your commission in Scouting.”

Charge to the Chartered Organization Representative. (*Call the Chartered Organization Representative forward.*) “You have been appointed 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 Tall Pine 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 or Venturing crew. We hope you will also provide assistance to the district whenever and wherever you are able. Will you accept this responsibility? If so, answer 'I will'."

(Present registration card).

Junior Leaders. *(Call forth all youth leaders.)* "You have been selected as the youth leaders of this troop. You will be expected to be an example and you will be asked to provide leadership, program ideas, and initiative to all the members of the troop 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'."

(Present registration cards.)

Members of the Troop. "Will all members of the troop please stand? As members of this Scout Troop, will you do your best to attend meetings regularly, provide help to your leaders, advance in rank, and demonstrate your willingness at all times to abide by the Scout Oath and Law? If so, please answer 'We will'." *(Present cards.)*

Charge to Parents. "Will all parents please stand? As parents, you are expected to attend parents' meetings of the troop, assist with needed transportation, provide leadership support when needed, and be willing helpers in time of need, in order to provide the troop with an outstanding program, quality leadership, and good parental support. If you are willing to do your best to support the leadership of the chartered organization and provide what help you can give to the program, please answer 'We will'."

Charge to the Chartered Organization.

"Will all members of the _____ (name of chartered organization) please stand?"

"You have heard the troop committee, the troop leadership, the Chartered Organization Representative, the junior leaders, members of the troop, and parents all pledge their support to the Scouting program in this chartered organization. May we ask you to cooperate with the Scout leadership chosen by your chartered organization and provide, whenever called upon, help to make this program a vibrant living part of the youth program and youth outreach of your organization? If so, answer 'We will'."

Charter to the Head of the Chartered Organization. *(Please call him or her forth.)*

"You have heard the pledge of commitment of all these members of your organization and the troop in supporting the scouting program as a major youth program for your organization. With the acknowledgment of this support, I am pleased to present to you the charter signifying your right to use the Scouting program for the year ahead in a way that conforms with both the rules and regulations of your organization 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 and council to help make the program a vibrant living part of your program for youth."

“I would also like at this time to introduce the volunteers (if these are present) from our district who will provide support to you. May I introduce (the district chair, your commissioner and/or district commissioner, and any other visiting Scouters) who will help you carry out an effective program of Scouting for the year ahead.

“Thank you for the opportunity to present this charter and thank you for accepting Scouting as a program of action for your organization.”