

Special Notices to Scouters

These notices will be updated periodically, as they are received.

Adult Registrations and Background checks.

1. Since 2003 the B.S.A. has conducted on-line criminal background checks on new adult registrants. The system is effective and

Important. Adult registrants with active registrations pre-dating 2003 have not had a criminal background check.

Beginning June 2, 2008 volunteers registered with B.S.A. who have not had the criminal background check will receive a letter from Chief

Scout Executive Bob Mazzuca or Learning for Life Director John Anthony. The letter will reaffirm B.S.A.'s commitment to youth protection and will include the volunteers B.S.A. I.D. #.

The letter will direct volunteers to a web site specifically established to give consent for the background check (a Fair Credit Reporting Act requirement) by August 1, 2008. Volunteers without web access will be asked to contact their local council for assistance.

What are the effects if a volunteer does not agree to the back ground check or fails to complete the necessary agreement on-line?

· Those who mark “do not agree” to the background check will have their membership revoked immediately. A new application is then required.

· Those who fail to comply with the request by August 1, 2008 will have their membership revoked August 2, 2008. A new application is required.

· Volunteers who have not had a background by August 1, 2008 will not have their names printed on re-registration charter renewals printed after August 2, 2008. A new application will be required to add the volunteer to the unit roster.

Why is B.S.A. doing this?

The criminal background check is an integral and necessary component of B.S.A.'s – commitment to youth protection. This effort is crucial to full compliance with B.S.A.'s – “100% background check “goal.

Notice # 2

Scout units with their own section 501(c) 3 (very few units have this) are subject to recent IRS Federal Reporting Requirements. If your unit has its own federal tax ID # identifying the unit as a separate 501 (c) 3 (separate from the charter partner or local council or national council BSA) you are asked to go the Website WWW.IRS.gov for instructions regarding filing the form 990-N or traditional 990.

By our records the Tukabatchee Area Council is not aware of any unit within the council that has a separate 501 (c) 3 federal exemption. We strongly discourage units from applying for such an exemption because in our opinion the reporting requirements, costs and complexities of such a unit decision far outweigh potential gains.