

Membership Invitation

Olive Branch Scouting Alumni and Boosters, Inc.

Olive Branch Scouting Alumni and Boosters, Inc. (the “Corporation”) is a **nonprofit corporation** created expressly to serve as the chartering organization for the three Scouting units formerly chartered by First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Current Governance

The Corporation is currently governed by a Board of Directors composed of the *Key 3 leaders* of each chartered unit. Because several individuals serve in multiple roles, the Board presently consists of **four members**:

- **Bob Banerman** – Corporation President; Scoutmaster, Troops 10 and 234
- **Brad Jenkins** – Corporation Board Member; Committee Chair, Troops 10 and 234
- **Mike Lewis** – Corporation Board Member; Cubmaster, Pack 234
- **Alvah Downs** – Corporation Secretary; Committee Chair, Pack 234; Charter Organization Representative for all three units

Board Composition Under the Bylaws

The Corporation’s bylaws provide that the Board of Directors shall consist of: - The *Key 3 leaders* of each chartered unit, **and** - **Three additional members** elected from the Corporation’s membership at the annual meeting held each January.

Membership Expansion

At present, the Corporation’s membership is limited to the four current Board members. To strengthen governance, transparency, and continuity, the Corporation seeks to **expand its membership** by inviting **all registered leaders of the chartered units** to become members.

- **Annual membership dues:** \$10.00
- **How to join:** Notify any current Board member and submit the annual dues

Why Membership Matters

Active participation by unit leaders is essential to the effective operation of the Corporation. The Board of Directors carries two critical responsibilities on behalf of all chartered units:

- **Approval of all unit leadership**, ensuring compliance with BSA and chartering requirements
- **Administration and stewardship of unit assets**, including all funds and property

By becoming a member, leaders gain a direct voice in these decisions and help ensure that the units are governed responsibly, transparently, and in the best long-term interests of the Scouts and families they serve.

Call to Action

Relevant sections of the *Annual Unit Charter Agreement* are attached for your reference. We strongly encourage all eligible leaders to consider membership in Olive Branch Scouting Alumni and Boosters, Inc. Your participation will help safeguard the stability, integrity, and future success of our Scouting units.

II. The Charter Organization agrees to:

A. Generally

1. Conduct the Scouting program consistent with Scouting America rules, regulations, and policies located on the My.Scouting website and online at: www.scouting.org/about/membership-standards/.
2. Coordinate with the Local Council to provide annual recruitment opportunities to grow the Scouting America movement as well as publicize Scouting America through in-house publications.
3. Refrain from using the Scouting brand as a means to imply Scouting America's endorsement of the objectives of the Charter Organization, except with respect to youth development, consistent with the goals and objectives of the Scouting program. Refrain from soliciting financial support except as authorized for the benefit of the Unit or the Local Council.
4. Select a Charter Organization Representative (COR) to serve as a voting member of the council.

B. Management and Leadership

1. Reasonably support the Scouting Unit Committee, comprised of at least three members for each Unit.
2. Review and select all adult leaders, subject to the approval of the Local Council, and ensure they are willing to accept Scouting's values and meet all other requirements of membership.
3. Administer the assets of the Unit, including all funds, real property, and personal property (e.g., trailers) that are acquired by the Unit either for the benefit of Scouting or in the name of Scouting and administer the assets for the benefit of the Unit.
4. Authorize the unit to open a separate bank account for the Unit using the Charter Organization EIN and provide the Unit with policies and procedures for financial reporting and asset management.
5. Follow all Guide to Safe Scouting requirements to ensure the adequate review and inspection of trailers, and other assets.

C. Use of Facilities

1. Work with the Unit to secure safe facilities for regular meetings.