**CRIMINAL BACKGROUND RECHECK SUBMISSION**

On October 7, the National BSA sent an email with background check disclosures and authorization documents to all currently registered adults who have a valid email address listed in their ScoutNET person profile.

The BSA is committed first and foremost to keeping youth safe.  Part of that commitment includes continually updating our youth protection policies to help ensure we are always on the forefront of youth safety.  Since 2003, background checks have been conducted on every new adult when they apply to register as a Scout leader.

Starting next year, the BSA will implement periodic rechecks of criminal backgrounds on a five-year basis with the first recheck taking place in January 2020.  In preparation for this, the required disclosures and authorization documents are being updated to ensure compliance with current local, state, and federal laws.

**In order to ensure that all authorization forms are collected in the most efficient way possible, we are asking that all adults submit your signed authorization form to the unit leader in charge of recharter for your unit. All authorizations should be submitted with your unit recharter when it is due.**

Individuals not registered in a unit (council and/or district registrations, Merit Badge Counselors, etc.) should submit their updated authorization forms directly to the council through the council/district renewal process. We will maintain a file for all authorization forms submitted individually. If, as a unit leader processing your unit recharter, you need to know which of your leaders has submitted their authorization form directly to the council, please contact your District Executive or Program Services for that list of individuals.

It is strongly recommended that leaders with multiple registrations provide an authorization to each unit in which they are registered (including any council and/or district registrations you may hold). This can be a copy of one signed original or separate forms with original signatures. This process will prevent a lag in registration with one unit while waiting on another to turn in your authorization form.

For those leaders that did not receive this email, the forms are available on the council website, at Roundtables and other meetings of the district and at the Council Service Centers. Should you have any questions about the new Criminal Background Rechecks and/or the process to submit those, please contact your district professional staff.

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