



Internet Rechartering Software Changes to Improve BSA Ethnicity Data

The Internet Rechartering software is being changed to better collect data that is important to the Boy Scouts of America and your local council. Internet Rechartering processors will now need to indicate the ethnicity of new youth and adult applicants. However, one of the choices on the list of selections will be “Not Provided,” which can be used when this information is unavailable.

Providing your ethnicity is not required to become a member of the Boy Scouts of America. This change to the Internet Rechartering software is to encourage the entry of this information when it is willingly provided by the applicant.

It has become increasingly important for the Boy Scouts of America to collect this data in order to better serve all of our customers. It will help us to process and report more accurate and detailed information about our membership that can be used for strategic and program planning, funding and sponsorship opportunities, and other purposes that can strengthen our service to youth.

We've taken extra steps to encourage you to provide this information on your current members as well, though it is not required. A “Y” or “N” (yes or no) indicator field for ethnic background has been added to the draft roster printed from Internet Rechartering. For those members who have an “N” listed in the Ethnicity column of the roster, if the ethnic background is available on the unit copy of the member's original application or if you are provided with the ethnic background, you may select “Update Member” or “Update Leader” to record their ethnic background. “Not Provided” can be selected when this information is unavailable. The Ethnicity column on the roster will list a “Y” for those members whose ethnicity has been recorded, whether it has been recorded as “Not Provided” or as an ethnicity selection.

Thank you for all you and your fellow volunteers do to help the BSA record accurate data.