

9/30/2019

To: All SKC Registered Adults

### **Action Required: BSA Background Check**

#### IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

The Boy Scouts of America (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.

One of our many barriers to abuse is a mandatory criminal background check during the adult volunteer application process. While the initial background check is important, the BSA wants to ensure continued safety, so moving forward, **periodic rechecks of criminal backgrounds will be performed.**

Please complete the process listed below to help us continue to provide the safest environment possible for our Scouts and leaders. **Please note that these steps must be completed before your 2020 annual registration can be processed.**

1. Review the disclosure document on page 2. It is titled "Background Check Disclosure."
2. Once you have reviewed that, print the separate document titled "Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization." Review the additional disclosures on that form, then complete and sign the Authorization using an ink/wet signature. *Note: A print signature is required for this document. Electronic signatures will not be accepted.*
3. Turn in the signed "Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization" form promptly to your unit leader or local council service center.

If you choose to decline the background check, or if you do not complete the Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization form and return it to your unit leader or local council service center, your 2020 annual registration will not be processed.

If you have any questions about the criminal background check or authorization form, please contact the council office at [skcquestions@scouting.org](mailto:skcquestions@scouting.org) or your unit commissioner.

Nothing is more important than the safety and protection of our youth. We are truly grateful for your continued commitment to keeping youth safe and for helping them learn, grow, and thrive through Scouting programs.

## **BACKGROUND CHECK DISCLOSURE**

A consumer report is a background check in which information (which may include, but is not limited to, criminal background, driving background, character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living) about you is gathered and communicated by a consumer reporting agency (“CRA”) to Boy Scouts of America and/or its subsidiaries, affiliates, other related entities, successors, and/or assigns (the “Company”).

Company may obtain a consumer report on you to be used for employment purposes (in your case, this means for the purpose of evaluating you as a new or existing volunteer).

# ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES & BACKGROUND CHECK AUTHORIZATION

## Additional Disclosures

*The state disclosures below are included because state law requires them to be provided in writing. Some of the below rights, notices, or information also may apply to individuals from, applying to, or volunteering in states not listed below. There may be additional requirements, options, or provisions applicable to you and you may have additional rights under applicable law that are not required to be disclosed to you in writing.*

**Minnesota:** You have the right to request a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of any consumer report from First Advantage, P.O. Box 105292, Atlanta, GA 30348, 800-845-6004.

**New York:** Boy Scouts of America and/or its subsidiaries, affiliates, other related entities, successors, and/or assigns (the “Company”) may request or utilize subsequent consumer reports (other than investigative consumer reports) on you throughout your volunteer relationship with Company. Upon request, you will be informed whether or not a consumer report was requested, and if such report was requested, informed of the name and address of the CRA that furnished the report. Your written request should be made to Company at Boy Scouts of America, Membership Standards Team S201, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving Texas 75015-2079. You may also contact the Company by email at [MembershipStandards@scouting.org](mailto:MembershipStandards@scouting.org).

## Authorization

(Please print)
Name: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____ Suffix _____
List any other names used (nickname, maiden/married last names): _____
Date of Birth: _____ Unit Type and Number: _____

To the extent permitted by applicable law, I hereby consent to and authorize the Boy Scouts of America and/or its subsidiaries, affiliates, other related entities, successors, and/or assigns (the “Company”) to procure consumer report(s), which may include criminal background check(s) and/or investigative consumer report(s), on my background from a consumer reporting agency (“CRA”) or from an investigative consumer reporting agency (“ICRA”), as described in the **Background Check Disclosure** (which I have received separately from the Company), as well as these **Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization**. I have reviewed and understand the information, statements, and notices in the **Background Check Disclosure**, as well as these **Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization**. My authorization remains valid throughout my volunteer relationship with the Company, such that, to the extent permitted by applicable law, I agree Company can procure additional consumer report(s), which may include criminal background check(s), during my volunteer relationship without providing additional disclosures or obtaining additional authorizations. Except as otherwise prohibited by applicable law, I consent to and authorize the Company to share this information with Company’s current or prospective clients, customers, others with a need to know, and/or their agents for business reasons (e.g., to place me in certain positions, work sites, etc.). I understand that, if I am selected for a volunteer position, a consumer report will have been conducted on me.

**For Minnesota, or Oklahoma individuals:** If you would like to receive from the CRA, the ICRA, or the Company (as applicable) a copy of the report that Company may procure, please check this box.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_