 Charter Presentation

Boy Scout Program

For presentations during a meeting of the Chartering Organization

**Commissioner:** I want to thank you for this opportunity to be with you tonight to recognize and celebrate <name of chartered organization> for their continued commitment to the youth in our area by sponsoring and hosting Boy Scout Troop <troop number>. Since our founding in 1915, the Boy Scouts of America has partnered with local civic and religious institutions to build moral and character development through a program dedicated to teaching outdoor skills, citizenship, and leadership. The charter you are receiving tonight is one of the visible examples of that partnership, and your dedication to helping to develop our youth into leaders.

At this time, will <name>, who serves as the chartered organization representative, and <name>, who serves as the troop committee chairman, please come forward.

<wait until they are present with the commissioner at the front of the room>

When it was founded, the Boy Scouts of America received its charter to serve the youth of America through character building and practical skills development from Congress, in 1915. The Boy Scouts of America National Council, through the Old Hickory Council, in turn grants a charter to <name of chartered organization>, empowering you to implement and deliver the Scouting program directly to our young men[[1]](#footnote-1). I hope you will continue to look upon Scouting as an important tool for guiding and empowering our youth.

<COR Name>, as the chartered organization representative, I am honored to present to you the charter for Boy Scout Troop <number> for <year>, and with it, the hope for a year of fun, growth, and learning in your troop.

<Present the charter to the COR and shake hands>

**Commissioner:**<Name>, as chartered organization representative you have the duty and responsibility to serve as a liaison between the pack and the chartered organization, to help bring both groups together in delivering on the scouting promise, and to establish and maintain a good relationship. You are also the official link with the Old Hickory Council and Wachovia District in your capacity as a district committee member. Also, it is your duty to work with <Name of Chartering Organization> to recruit and retain able and active men and women to fill out the Troop Committee; to see that <name of chartered organization> is regularly informed on the work of the troop; to see that the unit leaders receive appropriate encouragement and recognition for their service; and to bring to the district committee the needs and desires, problems and successes of Troop <number>.

Do you accept these responsibilities in the coming year?

<Wait for the COR to answer, then when an affirmative is given. present the membership card and shake hands.>

**Commissioner:**<Name>, as chairman[[2]](#footnote-2) of the troop committee your responsibilities to the troop are to organize the committee to see that all functions are delegated, coordinated and completed. Wok with the organization representative and the Scoutmaster to maintain and strengthen the relationship with <Chartered Organization Name>, help ensure that unit leaders and committee members have training opportunities. Work closely with the Scoutmaster in preparing Troop Committee meeting agendas. Call, preside over, and promote attendance at monthly unit committee meetings and any special meetings that may be called, and arrange for charter review and work towards a timely re-charter at the end of the year.

Will you in the coming year carry out these responsibilities?

<Wait for the CC to answer, then when an affirmative is given. present the membership card and shakes hands.>

**Commissioner:**Ladies and gentlemen[[3]](#footnote-3), it is the responsibility of the Troop committee to support the scoutmaster and one or more assistants. In addition, the committee is responsible for making sure the troop has proper facilities for it’s meetings and handle the troop finances. In the event that the troop finds itself without a Scoutmaster for whatever reason, it is your responsibility to work together to carry on the activities of the troop and help in the search for a new leader. You also will help fill Boards of Review for the scouts in your troop and assist with courts of honor to recognize those scouts’ achievements. Will you, as a committee, assume these responsibilities for the coming year?[[4]](#footnote-4)

<Wait for the Committee members present to answer, then when an affirmative is given. present the membership card and shakes hands.>

**Commissioner:**Will <name>, the Scoutmaster, and assistant scoutmaster*(s)*, <name(s)>, please come forward.

Ladies and gentlemen, to you, we are entrusting the responsibility of guiding our youth through the Scouting program. The Scoutmaster is responsible for mentoring the youth leaders through the methods of scouting, guiding them along their journey in scouting by living as a daily example of the Scout Oath and Law in action. The Assistant Scoutmaster(s) are charged with the responsibility to support the Scoutmaster in his duties, assuming his\her role when absent, and mentoring the scouts in the troop and patrols, helping to develop their leadership skills, and guiding them on their scouting journey through exemplifying daily the Scout Oath and Law in your daily lives. On your collective shoulders rests the future of tomorrow's citizen leaders. Are you prepared to accept this responsibility?

<Wait for the CM and AC(s) to answer, then when an affirmative is given. present the membership card and shakes hands.>

**Commissioner:**It is always my honor and pleasure to be allowed to present a charter to an organization making the journey along the Scouting path, as Troop <number> is now travelling. I wish you all continued success in carrying on this tradition.

1. Add and women with the implementation of the “Girls program” to scouting in 2019. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Or Chairwoman as the case may be. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Wherever the term Ladies and Gentlemen is used, it may be altered to reflect the gender makeup of the group being presented to, such as Ladies, Gentlemen, or Ladies and Gentlemen. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. If the committee is not present, omit the question and presentation of the membership cards [↑](#footnote-ref-4)