



MEMBER REGISTRATION

64th Brandywine Baden-Powell Service Association

Welcome to the 64th Brandywine Scout Group! We strongly recommend that you contact the Group Scoutmaster before completing your registration form, to find out if there is availability in your desired section. If you have any additional questions, please email scoutmaster@64thbrandywine.org.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Parents should fill out a Youth Registration Form for each child you are registering, and an Adult Registration Form if joining as a leader/volunteer. Please make all checks payable to *64th Brandywine BPSA*. At this time, there is no online/electronic registration. Give your registration to one of our scout leaders or mail your completed registration(s) and check to:

*Victoria Grimme
64th Brandywine BPSA
426 Media Road
Oxford, PA 19363*

We also accept payment via PayPal (<https://www.paypal.com>). Select "Send money to friends and family," and send to scoutmaster@64thbrandywine.org.

COSTS

Annual dues are collected at the time of registration. For member scouts, this pays BPSA-US dues, local dues, local and international uniform insignia, and proficiency badges as they are earned. Local dues cover group costs like administrative fees, supplies, incidentals, & some activities. Every effort is has been made to keep dues and other costs low.

At the time of initial registration, scouts will also be asked to purchase the 64th Brandywine necker, which is required for the uniform at all scout levels. This is a unique, custom-made bandanna that identifies you as a member of the 64th Brandywine.

ADULT MEMBERSHIP

Adults have 2 options for registration with the 64th Brandywine: *Rover Scout* and *Adult Support*.

Rover Scouts are full members of the group and will participate in uniformed scouting activities. *All adult leadership positions are required to register as Rover Scouts*. Rovers pay full national and local dues, and purchase a necker for their uniform.

Adult Support is a volunteer/chaperone position for parents or interested adults. Registrants pay a \$20.00 fee for your BPSA-US confidential background check in accordance with our youth safety guidelines.

DEADLINES

The 64th Brandywine recruits primarily in the fall, at the start of the school year, but will accept new members year-round, subject to section availability. If we have more interested scouts than we have available parent volunteers/leaders, we will accept scouts on a **first-come first-serve basis**. So we encourage you to sign up as soon as possible! If you are interested in becoming a parent volunteer please refer to our "Scout Leaders and Volunteers" information sheet.

Please review the calendar on our website, 64thbrandywine.org, for initial fall registration deadlines. Contact the Group Scoutmaster to confirm availability at scoutmaster@64thbrandywine.org if you wish to join mid-year.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

Activity Fees

Most adventures and activities will be free of charge. Once in a while we will schedule a special adventure where we will need to collect a fee for participation. This could be for campsite rentals, gear rentals (e.g. canoes), or other entrance fees. The group leadership will supplement these costs with group funds when possible. However, just as with school field trips, you should expect these fees to come up from time to time.

Uniforms

Each scout is required to wear his/her uniform to all events and meetings. Fortunately, the uniforms for traditional scouting are simple and practical, and parents might even find the required shirt, pants, and hat in their own closets. Please review the uniform requirements on our website, 64thbrandywine.org.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How will I know if you received my registration and if my child is accepted?

We will notify you via email when we receive your registration. Once registration closes and we determine how many kids we are able to take, you will receive a second email notifying you of acceptance. If you are unsure, please email scoutmaster@64thbrandywine.org.

What if I send in my check and my child is not accepted due to availability of leaders?

In this case, we will return your check. If you would like to remain on the wait list we will retain your paperwork and let you know if a spot opens up.

If I register multiple scouts, are there any discounts on fees?

Unfortunately no. All fees have been set on a per child basis.

If I volunteer as a parent, are there any additional fees I need to pay?

We appreciate your help, as do the parents who are unable to devote the time! If you wish to help in meetings, there is no additional fee. If you wish to attend an outing, we request that you register as Adult Support (\$20.00) to receive the required background check. Please see the Scout Leaders and Volunteers information sheet for details.

My son/daughter changed his mind and doesn't want to be a scout . Can I get a refund?

In order to keep our fees low, and to encourage commitment from our scouts, fees cannot be refunded if your scout drops out of scouting. We appreciate your understanding.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have further questions about the 64th Brandywine Baden-Powell Service Association, please contact the Group Scoutmaster.

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