

Council Activity Fee
Effective December, 2016
For the 2017 Charter year

Cost to the units:

\$20 Activity fee for all registered Scouts
Fees paid at the time of rechartering in December 2016

Units Receive in Return:

- Family FOS Presentation upon request
- District staff is freed up to provide improved service
- Free training for all registered adults except Woodbadge and Wilderness First Aid Training
- Free Tent Camping at Squanto for Troops & Crews
 - (based on availability)
- Free Weekend Camping at Squanto for Packs
 - Includes family camping
(based on availability)
- Youth Protection training on site
- Provisions for family need

Activity Fee

Q & A

Q. Currently our Annual Registration fee is \$30.00 or more, where does that money go?

There is an Annual National Registration fee of \$24.00 which is charged by the National Boy Scouts of America organization and is sent to them directly to support program development, national high adventure bases, boy's life and scouting magazines, criminal background checks on all adult volunteers and the national websites. The remaining \$6.00 is to offset unit accident and liability insurance premiums.

Q. In our Pack/Troop/Crew we pay more than \$30.00, where does that money go?

To your local unit. We have found local units charge anywhere from an additional \$25-\$250 plus a year to belong to the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturing, Sea Scout or Exploring program. You will have to ask your local unit how they budget these dollars because each unit is different.

Q. The Old Colony Council gets none of the annual registration fee?

No, the \$6.00 that is collected in addition to the \$24.00 is used to offset the health/accident & liability insurance bills.

Q. Where will the \$20 dollars go?

It costs \$72.00 per scout per year. The \$20.00 will support the council operation by keeping the council office and camps open, maintained, and new programs offered each year. It will provide free specific leader training and support to all unit leaders and parent so of our council. We will provide an updated, upgraded council web service and provide a council staff that will be able to spend significantly more time working with unit leaders and scouts providing the best quality scouting program.

Q. The program fee is being set at \$20.00, do you see that going up?

Like everything in life, the cost of goods and services don't ever seem to be going down, that being said, if it goes up the intent would be to give the council a 12-18 month notice if and when it would be going up.

Q. Will Family Friends of Scouting go away?

As you know it today yes, there will be no more individual pack and troop FOS presentations. We will, however, be sending out some sort of solicitation letter to all scouts parents and council supporters in early 2017 asking if they would like to continue their support of the scouting program.

Q. Will the National Registration fee be going up?

As of this writing, we are unaware of any price increase from National.

Q. When will this go into effect?

The program & insurance fee will go into effect with the 2017 recharter process at the end of this year.

Q. What happens if I have a scout or leader that is unable to pay the registration fee?

There has always been and will continue to be assistance program to help individuals in true need. Similar to the campership process, there will be an application and it will be ready for your use midsummer.

Q. I assume after the fee goes into effect, the fee will be prorated similar to the way registration fees are collected?

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