



Boy Scout Troop 63 Fundraising



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For proper Troop operation, funding is necessary. Troop funds are used to pay for youth and adult registration fees and insurance. They are used to purchase rank and merit badge awards and patches. They are used to purchase and maintain Troop gear and equipment. Troop funds are used to pay for events such as Adventure Day, the Troop picnic and Courts of Honor. Troop funds are also used to offset the costs of adult leadership.

Troop fundraising opportunities will be provided to the scouts to fund their own individual accounts as well. A 'scout account' is an account in name only. It will be maintained as an earmark in the general Troop fund. Troop 63 will maintain accounting for each individual scout.

Fundraising is not just for raising money, it is also an opportunity to practice communication, organizational and salesmanship skills. Parents should set aside time to accompany their scout in visiting neighbors and friends. A scout should be neat and in full uniform. He should introduce himself and explain what he is selling and tell how the Troop will benefit from the sale. Practicing the presentation with family first will help to build confidence and a positive attitude

Fundraisers:

The Troop wreath fundraiser, Dorney Park tickets and others will be used to fund the general Troop fund. These fundraisers will be compulsory. Mandatory minimums will be assessed taking siblings into account so as not to overburden families who have more than one scout.

Some fundraisers, such as Camp Cards and Country Meats will solely benefit the scout accounts.

Some fundraisers will be split between the two.

Account Funding:

Scouts can also fund their own accounts by way of gifts and donations.

Donations made to a scout by way of a Troop fundraiser will go into the general Troop fund, donations made to a scout by way of a scout fundraiser will go into the scout's account.

Scout Fund Use:

Scout funds can be used strictly for scouting purposes. Those purposes can include Troop outings, camping trips and events. Scout funds can also be used toward the purchase of personal scout gear. Any withdrawal outside of regular Troop activities must be approved by a majority of the Troop Committee. IRS restrictions apply.

Forfeitures:

A scout who leaves the Troop, by way of aging out, discontinuing BSA membership, or is removed from the Troop by disciplinary action will forfeit any accumulated funds. Forfeited funds will be credited to the general Troop fund. Fund transfers between scouts are not permitted, with the exception of a transfer to a Troop sibling. Scouts who transfer to another BSA unit will be considered. All decisions will be made by the Troop Committee and are final.

This is a general Troop policy for transparency purposes. Troop Committee decisions will prevail over any stated policy. Boy Scouts of America fundraising policies will supersede all Troop policies and procedures.