

Troop 49 Fundraising Policy

Troop 49 is unique in that it does not charge yearly registration fees, dues, or a participation fee. The burden of covering expenses in our troop has always been covered by the scouts' participation in fundraising. For each product sale fundraiser, a portion of the sales is put in the scouts' Individual Scout Accounts and the other portion goes to the Troop General Fund.

Troop Fundraising Policy The Troop Fundraising Policy requires that each scout participate in the product sales and, over the year, bring in at least \$175 in profit to the Troop, for the Troop General Fund. If a scout is short of this goal at the end of the year, the scout will be billed the difference. If a scout does not participate in any product sales, the scout will donate \$175 to the troop in lieu of selling. Scouts will be eligible for re-charter when the obligation is fulfilled.

We believe a scout should participate in fundraising through product sales because

- A scout learns about salesmanship, developing communication skills, and confidence
- The scout takes ownership of the scout's membership in the troop.
- The scout learns about paying one's own way and reduces the financial burden on one's family.
- A scout actively supports the scout's troop- the scout is giving back. This is the scouting way.

Troop Expenses The Troop funds are used to pay for expenses such as yearly BSA yearly membership fees for all adults and scouts, Scout's Life magazine subscriptions, rank badges and merit badges, Courts of Honor, trailer insurance and repair, trailer signage and storage, camping supplies, camping and cooking equipment, high adventure gear, necessary adult camp registration fees, and other troop expenses.

Fundraisers Troop 49 participates in the following fundraisers: Fall Wreath and Popcorn sale, Parking and Concessions for the Legion and other entities, Brats and Burger sale, and a Spring Kringle sale. We are always looking for new ideas and opportunities.

Troop Expense Account Sales Percentage A certain percentage of the scouts' product sales goes to the Troop General Fund on each scout's behalf. For every product fundraiser, the profit is split 50/50 with each scout based on their individual sales. Knowing this, a scout may keep track of how the scout is contributing to the scout's Individual Scout Account and the scout's \$175 obligation to Troop General Fund.

Individual Scout Account The amount of money that goes into an individual's scout account is dependent on the scout's sales during the fundraisers (50/50 split of the profit from the sale). This money can be used by the scout to pay for scout activities such as campouts and merit badge clinics; but, due to IRS rules, not for personal camping equipment. This fund is separate from the \$175 Expected Contribution to the Troop General Fund.

It is critical that scouts not only sell but sell enough to cover their costs within the troop. When the scouts sell, they are reinforcing the scout spirit of teamwork, family, and helping other people at all times. The Troop 49 Fundraising Policy supports the ideals of Boyscouting.