

# 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 another portion goes to the Troop Expense Account.

**Troop Fundraising Policy** The Troop Fundraising Policy requires that each scout participate in the product sales and, over the year, bring in at least \$125 in profit to the Troop, for the Troop Expense Account. If a scout is short of this goal at the end of the year he is billed the difference. If a scout does not participate in any product sales, he may donate \$125 to the troop in lieu of selling.

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

1. A scout learns about salesmanship, developing communication skills, and confidence
2. The scout takes ownership of his membership in the troop.
3. He learns about paying his own way and reduces the financial burden on his family.
4. A scout actively supports his troop- he's 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, Boy'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 fees, and other troop expenses.

**Fundraisers** Troop 49 participates in the following fundraisers: Fall Wreath and Popcorn sale, Parking and Concessions for a local RC Club, 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 Expense Account on each scout's behalf. Wreath sales contribute 25% of sales to this account; and Popcorn, Coffee, and Kringle contribute 15%. Knowing this, a scout may keep track of how he is contributing to his Individual Scout Account and his \$125 obligation to Troop Expense Account.

**Individual Scout Account** The amount of money that goes into an individual's scout account (the scout's personal spending account) is dependent on his sales during the fundraisers. Wreath, Popcorn, Coffee, and Kringle sales contribute 25% to the Individual Scout Account. This money can be used by the scout to pay for scout activities such as campouts and merit badge clinics; but, due to new IRS rules, no longer for personal camping equipment. This fund is separate from the \$125 Expected Contribution to the Troop Expense Account.

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.