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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
MOUNT BAKER COUNCIL

Please be sure to read the ENTIRE message below.

In keeping with our commitment to deliver a legendary camp experience for the Scouts and Leaders attending Fire Mountain's Scouts BSA Resident Camp and in response to the current economic conditions, including inflationary increases in food, fuel, and supplies, the Mount Baker Council will be increasing the current price of our Scouts BSA Resident Camp by \$100 per scout and \$35 per adult.

The new price structure will be adjusted to the following:

SCOUT FEES	Mount Baker Council Scouts	Out of Council Scouts
All fees (adult and youth) paid in full by May 15	\$540 per scout	\$590 per scout
If paid after May 15	\$590 per scout	\$640 per scout

ADULT FEES	Fee for the whole week	Daily Fee
Fees should be paid at the same times as scout fees	\$285 per adult	\$50 per adult

GREAT NEWS!

We are committed to delivering a legendary camp experience at Fire Mountain Scout Camp. To insure this, the Mount Baker Council Executive Board reviewed and modified the summer camp fees to deliver on this vision. The Board also realizes that such an unexpected price increase can impact our scouting families. Through the support of our amazing donors, we are pleased to announce that the price increase will be subsidized 100% (\$100 per scout, \$35 per adult) for any unit signed up to attend the 2023 Fire Mountain Scouts BSA Resident Camp before midnight on January 31st, 2023.

For more information about this fee increase and the 2023 subsidy see our FAQ below.

We are excited for every program at Fire Mountain, but summer camp has a special place in our year just as it does in yours and we hope you would consider attending Fire Mountain for your Scout BSA Resident Camp in 2023.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why was there such a significant price increase?

- The Mount Baker Council's commitment to a legendary camp experience has never wavered. The cost of operating a quality scout camp as we face changes in the wake of COVID-19, employment, and inflation the real costs of staff, food, and energy required a significant update in the fee structure.

Is this fee increase a new baseline for the cost of camp?

- The reality of the cost of operating youth camps in the US has increased over the last 10 years with staff, food, and energy expenses increasing significantly over the past two years. While every BSA council camp has a different fee structure, such costs have affected the fees of many youth programs in and out of the BSA.

Will the Mount Baker Council continue to subsidize camp fees in future years?

- Council funding and costs are set year to year, but as a reminder to the families of the Mount Baker Council, any family needing a little help can apply for our Opportunity Fund Camp scholarship that will cover up to 50% of their camp fees.

Why didn't this new fee get announced earlier?

- Several forces such as inflation, fuel costs, and work on staff salaries all effected the decision to make these fee changes. As the 2023 budget was being developed and real costs for 2022 were evaluated and projected for 2023 it became clear that these changes were needed to continue our efforts to provide legendary camp experiences. Many of these evaluations and conversations happened after camp and after the 2023 fees had been announced.

How do we ensure that we get 100% of our unit fee increase subsidized?

- To get 100% of the fee increase subsidy all your unit needs to do is register and pay the \$250 deposit for camp before midnight on January 31, 2023.

Will other Mount Baker Council camp programs be making price increases?

- Scout BSA Resident Camp is our largest and most costly to operate so it will have the largest increase, but units will notice that many of our other programs at Fire Mountain throughout the year will have increases from past years to cover costs.

What does it mean to be "registered"?

- What this means it that if your unit is signed up and paid your \$250 deposit through the ScoutingEvent.com portal (otherwise known as Black Pug).

How will my unit be credited for the subsidy?

- Based on when your unit was registered, with paid deposit, your unit primary contact person will be sent a coupon code to apply the subsidy.

Will there be any subsidy after January 31st, 2023?

- For units that sign up after the Jan 31st deadline but before the end of the early bird rate on May 15th, the Mount Baker Council will cover 75% of the fee increase. Those units will receive a coupon code to remove 75% of the fee increase.

Can scouts still apply for the MBC Opportunity Fund Campership to help with the remaining camp fee?

- YES! As a reminder to the families of the Mount Baker Council, any family needing a little help can apply for our Opportunity Fund Camp scholarship that will cover up to 50% of their camp fees to Fire Mountain Scout Camp.

If my unit adds scouts later (at Webelos cross over later this spring) will their fee increase be subsidized?

- The amount the Mount Baker Council is subsidizing for 2023 is not dependent on your troop's attendance, only based on WHEN you pay your deposit. For example, if you have new scouts sign up to come to camp after January 1st they will get 100% of the fee increase subsidized if your troop was registered before the January 31st deadline.

Are units from Pacific Harbor Council, Chief Seattle, Cascade Pacific etc. getting the fee increase subsidized?

- Regardless of what Council your unit hails from (for example Pacific Harbor, Chief Seattle, Blue Mountain etc.) all units attending Fire Mountain in 2023 will have this fee increase subsidized at 100% if registered by January 31, 2023 and 75% after that until May 15th, 2023.

What if my troop registered (and paid our deposit) for camp BEFORE this new fee structure?

If you have already registered for camp this summer at Fire Mountain no further action is required on your part, your fees for camp are locked in and you will get your payment coupon soon after January 1st for the MBC subsidy for this fee increase.