

Money Should Not Be A Barrier

How to Finance Cub Scouting



This Session

- Pack Budget
- A Scout Pays Own Way
- Fundraisers
- Opportunity Fund
- Program Planning



Pack Budget

- What goes into formulating the budget?
 - Membership fees
 - Council Activity fees
 - Pack dues
 - Pay as you go vs. everything included
 - Program kits such as Space Derby, Raingutter Regatta, Pinewood Derby
 - Day outings, Overnight campouts, etc.

A Scout Pays Own Way

- How does a Cub Scout pay his or her own way?
 - Allowance?
 - Chores?
 - Independently wealthy?
 - Parents?
- How can this be mitigated?
 - Costs covered by Pack
 - How?



Fundraisers

- What do fundraisers do?
 - Raise money for the Scout & Pack
 - Offset expenses for families
 - Develop Character



Fundraisers

- What fundraisers can Cub Scouts do?
 - Anything that is approved by the District Fund Development Chair
 - Hike-A-Thon
 - Popcorn
 - Already set up by Council and doesn't need District approval
 - Brand longevity
 - Buyers aren't buying popcorn, they're buying "Supporting Scouting"
 - Cuteness factor

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Unit Money-Earning Application

Money-earning methods should reflect Scouting's values

- Do you really need a fundraising project?
- Are there any contracts involved?
- Will the activity uphold the good name of the BSA?
- Is a commercial product being sold?
- Will the fundraising project avoid soliciting money or gifts?
- Does the fundraising activity avoid competition with other Units, your Chartered Organization and your local Council?

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA DATE _____

Received in council service center _____
(Date)

UNIT MONEY-EARNING APPLICATION

Applications are not required for council-coordinated money-earning projects such as popcorn sales or Scout show ticket sales.

Please submit this application to your council service center at least two weeks prior to committing to your money-earning project. Read the eight guidelines on the other side of this form. They will assist you in answering the questions below.

Pack
 Troop
 Crew
 Ship

No. _____ Chartered Organization _____

Community _____ District _____

Submits the following plans for its money-earning project and requests permission to carry them out.
What is your unit's money-earning plan? _____

About how much does your unit expect to earn from this project? _____ How will this money be used? _____

Does your chartered organization give full approval for this plan? _____

What are the proposed dates? _____

Are tickets or a product to be sold? Please specify. _____

Will your members be in uniform while carrying out this project? (See items 3-6 on other side.) _____

Have you checked with neighboring units to avoid any overlapping of territory while working? _____

Is your product or service in direct conflict with that offered by local merchants? _____

Are any contracts to be signed? _____ If so, by whom? _____

Give details. _____

Is your unit on the budget plan? _____ How much are the dues? _____

Does your unit participate in the council product sale? Yes No Family Friends of Scouting? Yes No

How much does your unit have in its treasury? _____

Signed _____ Signed _____
(Chartered Organization Representative) (Unit Leader)

Signed _____
(Chairman, Unit Committee) (Address of Chairman)

FOR USE OF DISTRICT OR COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Approved by _____ Date _____ Phone _____

Approved subject to the following conditions _____

(Local council stamp)



Finances should not be a barrier
to a Scout or Scouter
participating in the program



Opportunity Fund

Through generous grants and contributions, the Mount Baker Council, Boy Scouts of America, can offer assistance to registered youth and adults so they may fully participate in the Scouting program.

- Mount Baker Council Opportunity Fund website

<https://www.mountbakerbsa.org/membership/opportunity-fund-membership-assistance>

- This provides an online application process unless you have a new registrant
- There is a link for a fillable pdf document which can be printed out
- Covers 90% of membership fees, 90% of Council fees
- Covers uniform parts, Scout handbook, Scout Life™

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Program Planning

- What is the purpose of Program Planning?
 - To achieve success in the program
 - How is this measured?
 - Develop a calendar to share with families
- Who participates in this process?
 - All Pack families...ideally
- When is an ideal time to do this process?
 - Towards the end of Spring for the following program year June through May
 - Though, the prior planning session would include the upcoming summer months
- An outcome is knowing what expenses the Pack will have for the upcoming year
 - And, therefore building your budget



Questions?



Review

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BSA Mission

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make moral and ethical choices over their lifetimes by installing in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.



Aims of Scouting

- Physical Fitness
- Citizenship Training
- Character Development
- Leadership Development



Thank you!

