

Troop Payments and Assistance

Annual Dues:

Dues are collected at the beginning of the school year, usually in October. They may also be paid by the process described below. Where do these dues go? (see Appendix G "Where the Money Goes").

- Approximately half of an individual scout's annual costs are paid directly to the Scouting National Office, and the Seattle Council. These National dues assist in paying operational costs and upkeep for the camp properties and programs that we use throughout the year. Included is an optional subscription to Scouts Life magazine.
- The remainder of your annual dues are used for Troop expenses. Troop's annual dues directly support our troop's program: Registration of up to ten adult leaders (Scoutmasters for our two troops, Asst. Scoutmasters, Committee Chairperson, Charter Organization Representative); Scout awards; Scout and Adult Leadership Training; Troop Equipment – new, upkeep and replacements; any additional supplies required to run the troop. Official scout registration follows the calendar year, but the renewal process begins in October, this is why we collect dues at that time.

Outing Fees:

Most outings include Camp/Activity Fees, Fuel Expenses, and Food Costs.

1. **Camp/Activity Fees:** Some fees are paid well in advance; others are paid at the time of the event. Reservations and fees paid months in advance are handled by the treasurer, who will provide specific information regarding the payment schedule.
2. **Fuel Expenses:** Most trips include a pre-determined fuel expense, pro-rated by the number of scouts going, and the required vehicles. This is usually included in the amount of the campout or trip fee.
3. **Food Costs:** Many outings require meals be prepared for the group. The scout assigned to ensure the food is ready to go is called the grubmaster. The grubmaster plans (with input) the menu, and purchases the food (seeking help if needed) for the outing. Their family pays for the food and is reimbursed by the members as soon as possible. The grubmaster should contact each scout before the outing and let them know how much is owed. The payment is paid **directly to the grubmaster** at the time of the trip/activity. The grubmaster typically leaves the money with their parent rather than bringing it on the outing.

Scout Accounts:

Each scout has a Scout Account portion of the Troop Accounting system. This is used to track the funding from Popcorn sales. If you need a current statement of your scout's account, or have questions about it, contact the Troop 282 Treasurer

Payments for Summer Camp and Activities: Many long-term summer camps require payment in advance. Payments can be given to the Troop Treasurer.

Assistance:

Camperships: Our troop is committed to making scouting accessible for every family. For Scouts of America camps, there are campership funds available at both the council level and within our troop. Our troop will also provide campership funds for other outings based on availability. Please contact the Committee Chair if you wish to discuss campership availability. Generally, Camperships are limited to no more than 50% of the fee for the activity. If circumstances warrant, there may be additional resources available to help defray the cost of any activity for a scout.

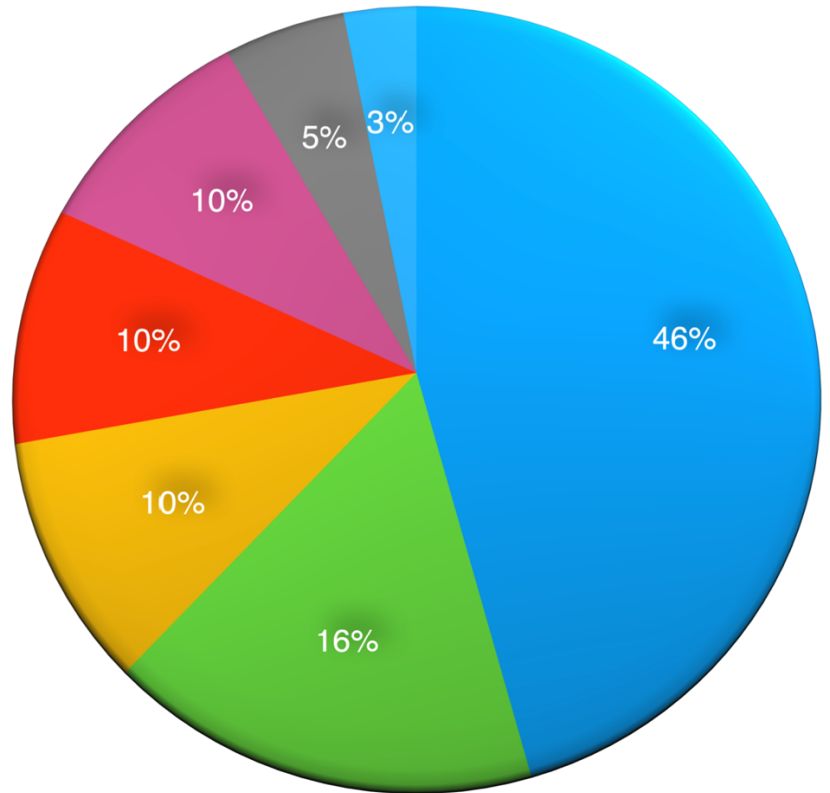
Communications: The troop runs on regular communication, and often this is done via email and online resources. If your family finds itself without online access, please let us help get the information to you in another way. Please contact the committee chair.

Show Me The Money

*Taken from 2023 Costs

Where Does The Money Go?

Cost	Category
\$130.00	Scout Registrations*
\$46.47	Scout Leadership Training
\$28.69	Scout Awards
\$27.94	Adult Registrations
\$27.79	Adult Training
\$14.71	Scout Equipment
\$8.82	Supplies/Office
\$284.42	Total



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\$85 National membership
\$30 Council fee
\$15 Scouts' Life magazine
