

2016 Tablet Program



Goals of the Program:

- Partner with local units to improve product sales through the use of a credit card enabled tablet
- Provide a simple solution for varying availability and utilization of credit card readers during product sales
- Provide a tool for Scouts to use to collect sales during the Take Order Portion of the sale
- Provide a safe and cost-effective solution for units to integrate the use of credit cards in their day-to-day business

Description:

The Pennsylvania Dutch Council, BSA has partnered with Verizon Wireless to secure 35 tablets to pilot a program with local units to integrate the use of technology and credit cards into their Popcorn sale as well as regular operations. Interested units will be offered an Ellipsis 8 tablet (with an Otterbox Defender case) from Verizon which will come preinstalled with the Square Reader App and other basic apps. Units will be responsible for creating their own account with Square and linking their unit account directly to it. The intent is that all funds collected will go directly to the unit instead of being funneled through the Council first. The tablet can be used for collecting Popcorn Orders and Payments, Unit Dues, Camping Fees, Fundraising Fees, Registration Fees, or anything that the unit needs to collect money for (Square does charge a processing fee for transactions so unit should take that into considering when collecting fees).

Initially, the Council will maintain the umbrella account through Verizon and the data will be shared between devices. The devices are cell service ready so are intended for operational purposes instead of recreational purposes such as watching movies or downloading games. Devices will come with some features being restricted to make sure that one user does not consume all of the data for the whole network.

Interested units will receive their tablet when they pick up their Show and Sell order.

Costs:

The Council will initially hold the Liability for all of the tablets, meaning the council will pay the monthly fees associated with the data for every device. Each of these devices come with a 2-year agreement. Verizon estimates that the monthly cost to have the device will be less than \$10 a month. Units will be required to assume Liability for their device by May 2017 (the 2-year agreement lasts until May 2018), meaning the unit will take over ownership of the device as well as the data service.

There are two options to accomplish this and two fees.

Option 1: Assume Liability right away. Initial cost-\$25

Benefits

- The device and account are yours right away
- The device can be used for anything and will not be restricted to specific functions
- Receive a case and device

Process

If your unit decides this option, you will have to identify the person who will be responsible for receiving billing statements and will be responsible for the making sure the monthly fee is paid. The council will work with you and Verizon to go through the Assumption of Liability process. Once complete, you will take full ownership of the device. You will be responsible for the approximately \$10 monthly fee until the end of the contract in May 2018.

Option 2: Assume Liability by May 2017-\$50

Benefits

- The monthly fees will be covered by the Council until May
- The device will be locked down for just basic Credit Card transactions
- Receive a case and device

Process

If your unit decides this option, you will have to identify the person who will be responsible for communications about the program. You will have to identify a person to handle billing by May 2017. The council will work with you and Verizon to go through the Assumption of Liability process. Once complete, you will take full ownership of the device. You will be responsible for the approximately \$10 monthly fee until the end of the contract in May 2018.

Once the device is yours there are a whole world of other applications including:

- Scoutbook Integration
- Full access to the App Store
- Mobile Device for tracking Unit records

If interested, please complete and detach the bottom portion of this form.

Tablet and Square Credit Card Program

Unit: _____ District: _____

Contact Person Name: _____

Contact Person Email: _____

Contact Person Phone: _____

Preferred Option: \$25 Option \$50 Option (please circle 1)