



March 29th, 2023

Dear Scouting Family,

Scouting has been recognized as the premier youth organization in the nation. Volunteers provide programs which develop your child's character, citizenship, and mental and physical fitness. For over a century, we have been preparing youth to be guided by the values in the Scout Oath and Law

We worked hard to overcome and balance the effects of the pandemic, lower financial support, and rising costs of operations. For instance, food at Camp Mack this past summer increased by \$30,000. Program supplies, maintenance and utility costs are projected to increase this year by more than 15%. Other costs are affected as well.

As a result of these external constraints, the Pennsylvania Dutch Council Board has approved the adoption of a program fee, effective with 2024 recharter.

- The annual youth program fee will be \$66.00.
- The annual registered adult program fee will be \$42.00.

This fee was discussed in detail at the March 28<sup>th</sup> Fireside Chat. The link to that discussion can be found below.

The new council program fees are in addition to those required by the National BSA. Both fees will be included with the 2024 recharter process.

We recognize this may be a challenge for some families. A robust financial assistance fund is being established to help support those in need. Questions about the assistance fund are addressed in our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ). Questions about the fees should be addressed to Scout Executive Matthew Adams. I can be reached at [matthew.adams@scouting.org](mailto:matthew.adams@scouting.org) or 717-394-4063.

Scouting continues to be the best investment you can make in our youth. Your investment will help provide relevant programming at quality facilities while instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Yours in Scouting,

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Council Commissioner

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