



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
SIMON KENTON COUNCIL

UPDATED MEMBERSHIP FEE STRUCTURE



THE VALUE OF SCOUTING

For families that have many options, Scouting provides year-round opportunities unlike any others. Through Scouting, families can connect in a welcoming and fun atmosphere, and kids can be kids while preparing to be the leaders of tomorrow.

As we look toward the future of Scouting, the Simon Kenton Council is committed to providing a safe and sustainable Scouting experience.

Our new fee structure is being implemented to support critical operational components of our organization like youth protection resources, Scout-centric program investments, member services and insurance coverage rates, which have risen substantially over the past few years.

UPDATED FEE STRUCTURE

To keep pace with rising costs, the Simon Kenton Council will implement an annual **local council program fee**.

This fee, which is separate from the BSA's national membership fee, will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2022.

NATIONAL ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP FEE

\$72 youth

\$42 adult

\$25 join fee
(one time)

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2021

National Fee Benefits

- Accident & liability insurance
- Youth protection resources
- Criminal background checks
- \$25 Joining fee for new members began Aug. 1, 2020

COUNCIL ANNUAL
PROGRAM FEE

\$60* youth

\$0 adult

REPLACES THE \$12 INSURANCE FEE

Council Fee Benefits

- Year-round programming and council events
- Refocus of volunteer time toward youth programs and support
- Local council insurance
- Elimination of Friends of Scouting unit presentations
- Greater staff focus on training, program delivery, recruitment and membership

WHY A COUNCIL FEE?

The Simon Kenton Council has worked diligently to keep the cost of Scouting as low as possible for our families. To remain fiscally sound, we continuously review our financial structure, ensuring we're positioned to deliver on our mission and program well into the future.

As a council, we've taken proactive steps to address changes in revenue, our role in the National BSA's structured bankruptcy and the impact of declining membership amid the pandemic. In addition, year after year, our council has absorbed rising core costs - the greatest being insurance coverage - to keep fees as low as possible. Unfortunately, it is no longer possible to subsidize these costs at past levels.

The \$60 council fee will enable us to fulfill the promise of Scouting by covering the cost of essential Scouting services for our youth and families.

TRENDS & ACTIONS (since 2018)

- 17% OF MEMBER FAMILIES PARTICIPATE IN FRIENDS OF SCOUTING
- 6% REDUCTION IN FAMILY FOS CONTRIBUTIONS
- 22% REDUCTION IN COUNCIL BUDGET
- 25% REDUCTION OF SKC STAFF

WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

The BSA offers unique, once-in-a-lifetime experiences, growth opportunities and outdoor adventure for Scouts and their families. The addition of a local program fee will enable the Simon Kenton Council to continue providing a strong program supported by essential services and resources. This includes:

- Quality camping and outdoor experiences at council properties
- Member support: recruiting, registration, advancement and rechartering
- Training for youth and adults
- Medical, accident and liability insurance coverage for all registered members

The program fee will also eliminate the need for unit family Friends of Scouting presentations.

WE COMMIT TO...

- Lock in the Program Fee cost for **two years**.
- Making **Scouting affordable for all families** by enhancing the council **registration assistance program**. We want Scouting to be accessible for all.
- Transparent **communications** and relaying of information as soon as it becomes available at www.skcscouts.org

