



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
TROOP/CREW 179
FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN



2024-2025 Cost of Scouting

Summary:

- Small Price Increase Over 2023-2024
- Collecting Monthly or Yearly Payments
- Regular Enforcement of Late Payment Policies

Small Price Increase: Due to cost increases from both the national organization and campsites, the following items will be increasing this year:

- **National Fees:** \$170 (as compared to \$175 last year) – You will be billed directly
- **Summer Camp:** \$460 (as compared to \$440 last year)
- **179 Dues:** \$500 (as compared to \$500 last year)
- **Joining Fees:** \$100 (as compared to \$75 last year)

We will be keeping monthly campout fees at \$45 this year.

Monthly/Annual Collection: For 2024-2025, it will cost a Scout **\$960** to be part of Troop 179. This breaks down to:

- **Troop Dues: \$500** (which covers the Troops awards and merit badges per Scout, equipment for various campouts, training and administration for the troop, and keeping our campout fees steady)
- **Summer Camp: \$460** (which covers a full week at camp, all meals, and all programs)

The Troop (as well as many families) has found it challenging to have large lump sums due at various times throughout the year. To this end, we have two different payment options for 2024-2025:

- **Option 1:** You can pay the \$960 upfront in September and be covered for the entire year (only pay for monthly camping fees (\$45) that your Scout attends).
- **Option 2:** We can split the \$960 over the 10 months of the Scouting year (September-June) and you can be invoiced \$96.00 per month.

The only additional fees would be the \$180 National Membership fee which will be billed to you directly when your membership expires (December 31, 2024, for most of us). Then there is also the \$45 fee if your Scout chooses to go to a camp out that month (we have kept this as pay as you go since we know not all Scouts will attend all campouts). And you will still be able to earn money towards your Scouts account with fundraisers such as Wreaths and Popcorn (which could cover monthly payments, monthly campouts, or high adventure fees).

Regular enforcement of Late Payment Policies: As the rules around when the Troop owes money to different organizations have become stricter and as the Troop has grown smaller, it has become harder for the Troop to absorb families not paying for campouts and other dues in a timely fashion.

Because of this, for 2024-2025, if you are not in good standing (meaning either caught up with your payments or making good faith payments on a regular basis), your Scout **will not be allowed to register for the next campout or any future campouts** until your account is rectified. We highly recommend that if you are having trouble making payments that you come talk to Troop Leadership about options so that we can work out something that will allow your Scout to continue to participate while still contributing regularly to the Troop.