



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
TROOP 179
FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN

Financial Responsibility Policy

In August 2008, the parents committee of Troop 179 adopted the following policies dealing with the financial responsibilities of each member of Troop 179 and Venturing Crew 179.

Annual Budget: Each year the Scoutmaster submits a budget identifying all of the funds that will be needed for the year. This budget is then reviewed by the parents committee and adopted by the parents at the Annual Parents Meeting in August. At that time the total of the budget is divided by the membership and an amount is agreed upon that each member will be responsible for paying. Dues may be requested to be paid immediately to put cash into our accounts for operating the troop while money is raised by the members. The total of the budget obligation must be paid by January 30 of the current year.

Fund Raising: Our main fund raising project is the selling of Christmas Wreaths in the fall of each year. The wreaths average about a 50% return to the Scout which goes toward making his goal. In 2019 the amount that each member had to raise for the budget was \$550.00. It was decided that \$100.00 would be charged immediately to help with cash flow and then each member needed to raise \$450.00. To do this each member needed to sell \$800.00 worth of Christmas Wreaths or 36 of the common sized wreath. After selling \$900.00 worth of wreaths everything the Scout sells goes to the Scout's accounts which can be used to pay for troop Activities.

Alternate fund raisers happen throughout the year and have a range of products and services to offer in order for the member to raise money. Most of all of these fund raisers have 100% of the profit going directly into the Scouts account to be used to either pay for activities or help if there is a short fall in the wreath sales.

If your son does not earn enough throughout the year to pay for his portion of the budget it will be your responsibility to make up the difference in cash on January 30.

Activities Fees: Troop 179 sets a price for the Activity Fee at the Annual Parents Meeting in August. In most cases throughout the year the fee does not pay for the full cost of the activity and the difference is made up through the Troop Budget. This is done so that you will pay the same fee for each activity the troop holds. It is expected that you will pay for each activity before your Scout attends the activity. If you register your Scout to attend an activity and then have to cancel after the Activity Registration Close Date in most instances the fee cannot be refunded; the money is already spent.

It is the policy of Troop 179 to expect full payment of fees for any/all Troop sponsored activities prior to attending or participating in that event. In order to optimize the level of participation on weekend campouts by Scouts who may have forgotten to bring the required monies by the registration deadline, our practice has been to allow their attendance as long as their Individual Scout Account (ISA) balance is under \$50.00 (Scout owes less than \$50 to the Troop). Participation in high adventure trips and Summer Camp, likewise, will require full payment prior to departure.

Any exceptions to the above policy will require prior approval by the Troop Committee Chairman, Charter Organization Representative and Scoutmaster.

Scouts with negative balances in their ISAs will be notified of the delinquency via e-mail. If delinquency levels exceed \$50, the Scout will be precluded from advancement or participation in Troop activities other than meetings.