

Membership Fees

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Letter from Dan Beard Council:

We would like to share with you some upcoming changes regarding membership fees. Last week Dan Beard Council

Please keep in mind - that 100% of the registration fee goes directly to the National Office and that Dan Beard Council

The national organization, the Boy Scouts of America maintains a strong financial position. That in order to

Additionally, Dan Beard Council has learned that the participant insurance fee has increased in order to

For unit leaders who are actively preparing for 2014, this means the total cost of Scouting per member is

As always, our focus is



August 26, 2013
To: Scout Executives
From: National Board
Subject: Participant Insurance

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Dear Sirs: For many professional members from across the nation gathered in Washington, DC, for our annual Fall Board meeting. Whether we met in person or via video, I want to share with you exciting changes regarding membership fees for our national program.
This is a time to make clear that the Boy Scouts of America maintains a strong financial position. In order to continue to deliver the nation's premier youth program, it is essential to ensure that our membership fees are able to cover our rising costs. As a result, we have learned that the participant insurance fee will increase from \$10 to \$12 per year for all registered Scouts and adult leaders for January 1, 2014. This increase will be in effect for the beginning of the year. We will be prepared to let you know if there are any other changes with the beginning of 2014 registration.
The Boy Scouts of America has focused in 2013, since the start, on having additional steps to control and reduce costs. Our administrative costs have continued to rise. In addition, we have focused on our national program. Our National Executive Committee has approved a plan to increase membership fees in 2014. Being able to raise money for our national program is a critical component of our financial health, and we need to ensure that we are able to continue to provide the best quality of Scouting to our members. This work, the executive committee approved the recommendation to increase membership fees. It is important to note that the increase in the participant insurance fee is a result of the rising cost of the insurance policy.
While we believe the increase in membership fees is the best way to continue providing the quality of Scouting we all desire, it will affect some of our members. For members with large numbers of Scouts in their units, a temporary fund is being established to provide one-time assistance. However, the fund will not be able to offset the full increase for all Scouters nationally.

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Membership fee increase letter from the National Office

Participant Insurance Fee Increase Frequently Asked Questions

What is the participant insurance fee?
The participant insurance fee is a fee that is charged to all registered Scouts and adult leaders. It is used to cover the cost of liability insurance for all members.

Why is the fee increasing?
The fee is being increased to help the program pay for the rising costs of liability insurance. The fee is being increased from \$10 to \$12 per year for all registered Scouts and adult leaders for January 1, 2014. This increase will be in effect for the beginning of the year. We will be prepared to let you know if there are any other changes with the beginning of 2014 registration.

Is the increase in the fee a result of a change in the way the program is run?
No, the increase in the fee is a result of the rising costs of liability insurance. The fee is being increased to help the program pay for the rising costs of liability insurance.

When will the fee increase take effect?
The fee increase will take effect for the beginning of 2014 registration, which is January 1, 2014. This increase will be in effect for the beginning of the year. We will be prepared to let you know if there are any other changes with the beginning of 2014 registration.

What will the fee increase do for the program?
The fee increase will help the program pay for the rising costs of liability insurance. The fee is being increased to help the program pay for the rising costs of liability insurance.

When will the fee increase be implemented?
The fee increase will be implemented for the beginning of 2014 registration, which is January 1, 2014. This increase will be in effect for the beginning of the year. We will be prepared to let you know if there are any other changes with the beginning of 2014 registration.

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