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FINANCING THE PACK

Who Pays for Scouting?

Money for the Scouting movement comes from four general sources:

1. **The boy and his family** pay for the uniform, insignia, annual membership fee to the national organization, subscription to *Boys' Life* magazine (which is part of the pack budget plan), the boy's handbook, and weekly dues to cover ongoing expenses. Some packs furnish the handbooks as part of the pack budget plan. Families can also help Scouting by participating in the council's annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign (see 11-5).
2. **The chartered organization** selects pack leadership and provides an adequate pack meeting place along with its maintenance and utilities. The organization may also determine some funding practices for the pack.
3. **The pack** maintains itself through its budget plan and money-earning projects. The boys' weekly dues are the primary source of funds for the pack budget.
4. **The community** contributes money and support, providing funds that enable local councils to service and guide chartered organizations and their units. In some communities, operating income comes through local United Ways or community appeals. In addition, many parents and friends of Scouting make an extra financial contribution to the Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign. Funds are also made available by special bequests and other contributions.

Each boy and leader pays the national registration fee each year. This money helps fund the national organization and is not part of pack or council operating expenses.

THE PACK BUDGET PLAN

Cub Scouts need to develop an appreciation for money and how to earn, spend, share, and save it responsibly. The pack budget plan offers many practical suggestions for leaders to guide Cub Scouts in this important matter, and it lets families know exactly what benefits they are receiving from the dues they pay.

The budget plan teaches boys to earn their own way, to save for immediate needs, and to appreciate the value of money. Even though it might seem easier for a pack to collect a yearly fee from each pack family at the beginning of the year, this practice is discouraged because it defeats the real purpose of the budget plan.

The objectives of the budget plan are to teach boys how to handle money and to help them accept financial responsibility.

Who Is Responsible? Planning the pack budget is the responsibility of the pack committee, with the help of other pack leaders and families. The unit commissioner can also help develop the pack budget.

When? The budget is planned at a monthly pack leaders' meeting. It is best to plan the budget after the annual pack program planning conference.

