

Outings

Monthly outings are critical to the success of our troop. These outings are an essential method (see above) of the Boyscout program. The three troop meetings each month focus on preparing for these "Big Events" in the troop's life.

Leadership of Outings

Two adults are required for all outings. Adult leadership of Boyscout outings involves:

- *making site (physical) arrangements and communicating these arrangements to the group
- *providing transportation from a central meeting place (and back)
- *chaperoning the event and supporting the boys in the implementation of the program for the event.

The youth in the troop rotate the responsibility of purchasing food for overnight outings. If your boy has this job, we ask that you assist him in making the necessary purchases. If you do not feel comfortable with this, please let one of the adult leaders know as soon as possible. The troop's budget for food for outings is about \$3 per meal per boy. You may request an advance of this amount from the Scoutmaster, or you will be reimbursed for your expenses after making the purchases. Either way, we ask that you turn in your receipts. Adult leaders are not charged for meals on an outing, but will need to be provided for when quantities are figured. The boys will usually plan the menu during one of the meetings the month preceding an outing. Please help your boy make any adjustments needed to stay in budget and to provide nutritious meals.

Costs of Outings

In general, a weekend outing has cost each boy \$15.00, which covers the cost of the boy's food for the weekend. If there are additional materials, fees or transportation costs, these are usually also charged to the boys. Summer camp, which runs for a week, costs approximately \$200. Most fund-raising proceeds go directly to the boys' personal accounts to cover these costs. It is the goal of the troop to provide enough fund-raising opportunities for the boys to pay their way to all outings each year.

Time-frame of Outings

As a general rule, the troop will assemble at a central location to begin an outing at 5:30 pm on Friday. The troop will typically return to the assembly point by noon on Sunday. The troop tries to break camp by 10 am on Sunday. This is a "rule of thumb" to help you plan. Details of each outing are provided prior to each outing.