

General Fundraising Profit & Distribution Guidelines and Policy

Objective

Encourage scouts and family to participate in all BSA and GSUSA fund raising events. It will help to develop and enhance a scout in the communication, planning, finance, and leadership. Here are some additional benefits:

- Help the National BSA and GSUSA in developing stronger organization.
- Help the local scout council and district.
- Help contributing group's general funds (chartering, materials, leaders' training and registration...)
- Importantly, scouts can use most of their earned fundraising money for scouting related fees and costs.

List of some fundraising activities

- BSA [Popcorn, Scouts O-Rama book sales]
- GSUSA [cookies, nuts, magazines]
- Parents (each family) [SCRIP vouchers (Ocean supermarket ...)]
- Other special events organized by scouts and parents

Who benefits and what is paid for

The above fundraising efforts will only benefit scout activities for an individual scout and his or her siblings; and they will not pay for any of the parents' activity cost.

All scout-related activities and scout costs include these categories/items:

- Scout camp fees.
- Scout activity fee to the group.
- Scout annual registration fee to BSA or GSUSA.
- Scout materials and supply related to scouting activities (e.g.: books, insignias, non-advancement badges, camping equipment's).
- Scout individual uniforms.
- Individual contribution to the cost of a scout-related training of a volunteer in the group, if so desired.
- Individual contribution to the scout-related charity/fundraising effort in the group (e.g.: feed the homeless, BSA's Friend of Scouting ...), if so desired.

Distribution methods

- All fundraising earned money **will be contributed 10%** to the group general account and the rest will be saved into the scout's fundraising account.
- For each event, two weeks after the final sale/occurrence, earned money is deposited into the account. From then a scout can start use his/her fund through reimbursements.
- All reimbursements need receipts, no exception.
- If there is no objection, camp fee, service fee, annual fee for a scout can be paid automatically from the account, assuming there is available fund in his/her account.

Bookkeeping and Accounting

The group finance team keeps all the fundraising profits in a central bank account and tracks all individual monetary activities with an Excel spreadsheet. Group's bookkeeping records are tracked by individual family where all scout siblings are shared same pool of fund.

Finance team reports activities periodically to the involved scouts and parents or through secured online access.

Expiration

There is no expiration for time for when the scout should use his or her money in the account. When a scout leaves the group, the remaining money of his or her fundraising account will be put to the group general funds. No refunds will be offered.

Transferability

The money of individual account can be transferred to his or her sibling(s) to use in the scout activities.

Exceptions

- These guidelines and policy do not apply to scout special projects, such as the BSA's Eagle Scout Service Project, Girl Scout Silver Award or Gold Award Project. For these special projects, the individual scout or team of scouts is responsible to provide the accurate balance and fundraising and spending activities in their final reports.
- These guidelines and policy do not apply to scout fundraising events/occurrences with special purpose which is defined upfront and for sole benefit of the whole group as the proceeds of these events/occurrences are belonged to the whole group (e.g.: a car wash for general fundraising, unused funds of a paid event...).
- These guidelines and policy also do not apply to the **family** annual picnic/food fee to the group as this fee is not subject for reimbursement.

References:

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