



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
GLACIER'S EDGE COUNCIL

UPDATED MEMBERSHIP FEE STRUCTURE



THE VALUE OF SCOUTING

Families today have many options, but only Scouting provides a unique year-round program. Scouting is delivered in a safe and fun atmosphere where a kid can be a kid all while preparing them to become an even better adult.

As we look towards the future of Scouting, the Glacier's Edge Council is committed to providing a safe and cost-effective Scouting experience.

That commitment includes continuously reviewing our fee structure in order to deliver an unparalleled youth development program.

UPDATED FEE STRUCTURE

The National Council of the BSA recently approved an annual **national membership fee** increase, while the Glacier's Edge Council approved the implementation of an annual local **council program fee**.

The new National BSA fee went into effect on August 1, 2020 and our council program fee is effective January 1, 2021.

NATIONAL ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP FEE

\$66 youth

\$42 adult

COUNCIL ANNUAL
PROGRAM FEE

\$66 youth

\$29 adult

National Fee Benefits

- Accident & Liability Insurance
- Youth Protection Resources
- Criminal Background Checks
- Technology Upgrades

Council Fee Benefits

- Local Council Insurance
- Enhancement of Camp Properties
- Ensures Camp Fees Remain as Low as Possible

WHY A PROGRAM FEE?

The Glacier's Edge Council has worked tirelessly to keep the cost of Scouting as low as possible for our families. Year after year, our council has subsidized rising core costs - the greatest being insurance coverage - to keep fees as low as possible. Unfortunately, it is no longer possible to subsidize these costs at past levels.

Coupled with the challenges created by the National BSA structured bankruptcy and a pandemic, our council has been forced to review our financial structure in order to guarantee the longevity of our local programs.

CURRENT CHALLENGES & TRENDS

- **DECREASE IN FOS GIVING**
Less than 25% of families currently participate
- **DECREASE IN CAMP ATTENDANCE**
Scouts BSA attendance down more than 50% at Ed Bryant Scout Reservation
- **CUB CAMP NOT HELD**
COVID-19 suspended camp operations at Camp Indian Trails in 2020.
- **POPCORN SALE TRENDING DOWN**

**Additional cost saving measures include a 21% reduction in planned council expenses for 2021.*

WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

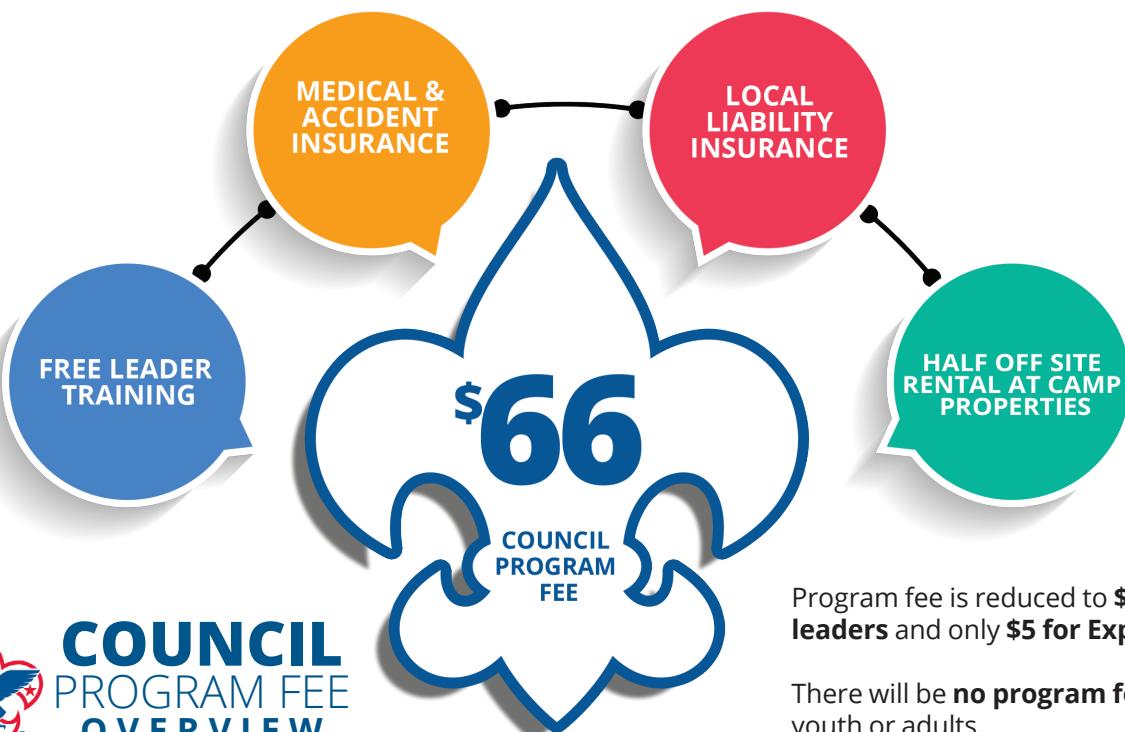
Many factors went into implementing a council program fee with one of the main factors being an increase in local insurance costs.

In 2020, the local insurance cost ranged from \$5-\$10 per youth and adult member. That cost is expected to increase to more than \$12 per registrant in 2021.

- The addition of a local program fee will allow our council to continue to provide **medical and accident insurance** coverage as well as local **liability insurance** for all registered members.
- The program fee will also allow us to **add even more value** to local programming.

PROGRAM FEE BENEFITS

- No charge for adult leader training (*excludes Wood Badge*)
- 50% off site rental at CIT or EBSR once a year per unit (*excludes Dining Halls*)
- Ability to keep camp costs as low as possible all while enhancing camp properties.
- Ability to enhance our year-round and unique programs that only Scouting can provide.



Program fee is reduced to **\$29 for all adult leaders** and only **\$5 for Exploring youth**.

There will be **no program fee** for Scoutreach youth or adults.