

Troop 401 – Policy on Scout Fund Raising Credits

Background

Currently, the Troop participates in two fund raising activities, the Ohio River Valley Council Annual Popcorn Sale and the Kroger Rewards program sponsored by Kroger Grocery Stores. Scouts raise money for the Troop through these fund raising activities and a portion of these funds are credited to the scout as a reward for their efforts. The credits for each scout are accounted for by the Troop Treasurer.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the details of how scouts earn funds for their individual troop account and how these funds can be used for their benefit.

Detail of Earnings

1. Annual Popcorn Sale
Scouts earn ten (10) percent of their gross sales.
2. Kroger Rewards
Scouts earn fifty (50) percent of earnings from their respective clients. Clients are persons or families who have registered their Kroger Plus Cards with Troop 401. The scout needs to notify the Troop Treasurer of their clients so that the Treasurer can associate the income statement from Kroger's with the respective scout.
3. Other Fund Raising Activities
The amount a scout earns will be determined by the Troop Committee.

Uses of Earned Scout Funds

Funds earned by scouts from fund raising activities will be placed in the scout's account. This account may be used to be reimbursed for Troop outing fees and summer camp registration fee with the Troop. Also, this account may be used to be reimbursed for expenses incurred from BSA Council and BSA National activities. Examples of activities at the National level would include participation in the bi-annual St George Trek at Philmont Scout Ranch as well as participation in National Jamborees. A scout's entire account balance may be used for these reimbursements.

Reimbursement Procedure

The scout/family must upfront the Troop outing fees and summer camp registration fees. To receive reimbursement, the scout/family must make a request using the Troop "Expense Reimbursement Request" form which can be found on the Troop website.

Uses of Excess Earned Scout Funds

When a scout's account balance exceeds \$50.00, the use of these excess earned funds may be used for the purchase of scout related gear according to the following conditions. The scout must have attended at least six (6) outings in the past twelve (12) months and only credit balances over and above \$50.00 will be eligible for scout related gear. In other words, if a scout has a credit balance of \$80.00, has attended six troop outings in the past twelve months and requests reimbursement for an item costing \$40.00, the scout will be reimbursed \$30.00. If the scout has not attended at least six outings in the past twelve months no reimbursement will be made.

The \$50.00 balance recognizes that the primary purpose of the fund raising credits is to provide scouts with assistance in the scout outdoor program.

Each purchase of scout related gear must be approved by the scout's parent(s) and also the Troop Scoutmaster or his designee prior to the purchase and reimbursement. The following priority list will be used as a guide for purchase approvals. Scouts must obtain higher priority items before lower priority items will be reimbursed.

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Priority One

Scout Class A Uniform Items
Scout Class B Shirt

Priority Two

Pocket Knife
Rain Gear
Flashlight
Orienteering Compass
Sleeping Bag (mummy style 20F)
Sleeping Pad (closed cell foam type)

Priority Three

Hiking Boots
Long Underwear (poly type)
Wool Socks

Priority Four

Backpack
Backpack Stove
Backpacking Water Filter
Day Pack or Hip Sack
Tent

Disposition of Funds When the Scout Leaves the Troop or Attains Age 18

Should a scout decide to leave the Troop or if he attains the age of 18, any balance in the scout's account shall be disposed in the following manner:

The scout may request reimbursement for any past outing fees or summer camp registration fee expenses for which he has not had prior reimbursement.

If the scout has attended at least six outings in the past twelve months or has completed his Eagle project in the last twelve months, the scout may also request reimbursement for personal gear according to the above priority schedule. The \$50.00 remaining balance stipulation will not be required. That is, it is possible to deplete the scout's account balance for personal gear so long as he has attended at least six outings in the past twelve months or has completed his Eagle project in the past twelve months. To be clear, attendance at summer camp with the Troop, attendance at a national jamboree or attendance at a BSA high adventure camp are considered as one of the six outings.

If the scout has a sibling in the Troop, his remaining account balance may also be transferred to his sibling's account.

Any remaining scout account balance becomes part of the general Troop account balance.