

Health and Safety & The Guide to Safe Scouting

Take time to plan an event carefully to be as safe as it can be. The **Guide to Safe Scouting** is an easy to read document designed to clearly spell out the official policies of the Boy Scouts of America in regard to issues surrounding health and safety. The online version of the **Guide to Safe Scouting** is updated quarterly. Go to <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx> for the latest version.

Be Prepared: To Set the Example of Safety!

Good activity supervision includes the following:

- Assess the physical condition and health of Scouts
- Set a good example
- Look for and correct unsafe acts
- Make and enforce necessary rules
- Clearly define duties and responsibilities
- Clearly define adult authority
- Make Scouts accountable for unsafe behavior
- Inspect equipment, materials, meeting and camping areas
- Be a good listener

Be Prepared: Have an Emergency Plan

Skilled Scouters “live” the experience in advance by thinking their way through every detail of an event. Develop an emergency plan that includes the following:

- Name and phone number of person in charge
- Action to be taken in the event of an emergency
- Alternatives that may be used
- First Aid
- Emergency equipment
- Evacuation routes

Be Prepared: Communicate with Participants and Parents!

Whenever a unit engages in challenging activities or activities that involve risk, describe the activity thoroughly and identify potential hazards associated with the activity. Include a statement to Scouts and parents that adults will do their best to supervise, and that participants are expected to be responsible for their own conduct, obey rules, not behave in a way that presents a risk of harm to others, and to be responsible for their own equipment. Make sure that youth and parents understand any hazards when deciding to participate in an activity. Inform Scouts that no one should feel pressured to engage in any activity in which the Scout or his parents are uncomfortable.

Note to Cub Scout Leaders:

The nature of the Cub Scout program does not involve hazardous activities. Whenever a pack or den chooses to engage in an activity which presents a risk (swimming, for example), leaders should ensure that all safety requirements found in the Guide to Safe Scouting are satisfied, including training, and that parents are present in sufficient numbers.

APRIL 2012

COLUMBIA RIVER

- 5 District Committee
- 12 Roundtable
- 27-29 Spring Camporee

EASTERN OREGON

- 5 District Committee
- 5 Roundtable
- 5 OA
- 19 Roundtable

OREGON TRAIL

- 5 District Committee
- 5 Commissioners
- 12 Roundtable
- 20-22 Spring Camporee

PIONEER

- 3 OA
- 4 District Committee
- 4 Commissioners
- 12 Roundtable
- 20-22 Spring Camporee

RATTLESNAKE RIDGE

- 5 District Committee
- 5 Commissioners
- 12 Roundtable

WHITE BLUFFS

- 5 District Committee
- 12 OA
- 12 Roundtable
- 19 Commissioners
- 27-28 Spring Camporee

BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL

- 3 Day Camp Meeting
Training Committee
- 6 Good Friday – Office Closed**
- 10 Endowment Committee
- 12 OA LEC
- 18 Executive Committee/Board
Council Advancement
- 25 Staff Meeting
- 26 Council Commissioner
- 28 BALOO Training

April 2012

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Insurance For Members & Units

Council Provided:

Comprehensive General Liability Insurance

This coverage provides primary protection for the council, all Scouting officials, officers, employees (as well as registered Scouting units), chartered organizations, and registered adult volunteer Scouters with respect to liability claims arising out of negligence in the performance of their duties in Scouting. Coverage is for \$1,000,000 per occurrence, plus \$14,000,000 limit umbrella. General liability insurance provided to unregistered Scouting volunteers is in excess of any other insurance the volunteer may have to his or her benefit.

Unit Accident Insurance

Beginning January 2011, Blue Mountain Council provides HSR accident insurance to all Scouting units (other than LDS units, which have church-provided coverage). This new service is made possible through Friends of Scouting gifts, and is an important part of ensuring that everyone is adequately protected when engaged in Scouting activities. The council does not provide medical coverage for Scouting activities.

Individual Responsibility:

Medical Insurance

Medical Insurance is a family responsibility.

Auto Insurance

Every person who drives a car in connection with a Scouting activity should carry a minimum \$50,000/ \$100,000/ \$25,000 liability on their vehicle. Buses and 15 passenger vans must carry \$100,000/ \$500,000/ \$100,000 auto liability. Council liability insurance is in excess of the owner's insurance. The owner's own policy comes first in an accident involving a car. It is the unit's responsibility to see that transporting adults have adequate coverage.

Tour Plans

The Blue Mountain Council policy regarding tour plans states that tour plans are required when the unit outing or trip meets any of the following criteria:

1) Trips outside of Blue Mountain Council borders; 2) Trips to any national high-adventure base, national jamboree, national Order of the Arrow conference or regionally sponsored events; 3) When conducting any of the following activities outside of a council or district event: aquatic activities (swimming, boating, floating, scuba, etc.); climbing and rappelling; orientation flights (process flying plan); shooting sports; any activities involving vehicles as a part of the program (snowmobiles, boating, etc.); 4) Trips of 500 miles or more (if council boundary is larger than 500 miles). Tour plans must be submitted to the council for approval 21 days in advance of the tour.

Passenger Transportation

It is against BSA policy to **ever** transport anyone in the back of a truck for any purpose at any time, and seatbelts are required to be worn by all occupants. Insurance FOR MEMBERS & UNITS understand any hazards when deciding to participate in an activity. Inform Scouts that no one should feel pressured to engage in any activity in which the Scout or his parents are uncomfortable.

MAY 2012

COLUMBIA RIVER

3 District Committee
10 Roundtable

EASTERN OREGON

3 District Committee
3 Roundtable
3 OA
17 Roundtable

OREGON TRAIL

3 District Committee
3 Commissioners
10 Roundtable

PIONEER

1 OA
2 District Committee
2 Commissioners
10 Roundtable

RATTLESNAKE RIDGE

3 District Committee
3 Commissioners
10 Roundtable

WHITE BLUFFS

3 District Committee
10 OA
10 Roundtable
17 Commissioners

BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL

1 Day Camp Meeting
Training Committee
10 OA LEC
16 Executive Committee/Board
Advancement Committee
18-20 OA Spring Ordeal
22 FOS VICTORY CELEBRATION
23 Staff Meeting
24 Council Commissioner
**28 MEMORIAL DAY – Office
Closed**
30 LDS Relationships
**30-11/1 BSA NATIONAL
MEETING**

May 2012

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Planning Your “Ideal Year of Cub Scouting” Program Budget

A Cub Scout Pack’s Annual Budget Plan

What is the “ideal year of Cub Scouting” plan? It is implementing the elements of a complete annual Cub Scouting program for youth, committing as a pack to incorporate these elements, and then providing adequate funding for them. Even more, it is committing to implementing the plan with the entire pack: Cub Scouts, leaders, and families, by raising enough dollars to fund the “Ideal Year of Cub Scouting.” The result is a well-managed, well-financed unit.

The steps to an “ideal year of Cub Scouting” are:

1. Plan the pack’s complete annual program.
2. Develop a budget that includes enough income to achieve the program.
3. Identify all sources of income (den dues and any traditional pack activities), and then determine the amount of product sale and the sales goal per youth member that will be needed to reach the income goal.
4. Gain commitments from parents, leaders, and all Cub Scouts.

If you like to raise money every month, plan your program as you go, limit your activities based on the unit’s income, or not involve the youth members in the planning process, then this format might not be for you! Those leaders who want a meaningful, exciting, and comprehensive youth program that achieves the objectives of Cub Scouting will find this format the ideal way to go.

BASIC EXPENSES

1] Registration Fees. When a boy joins, normally the unit asks him to pay the full \$15 national registration fee* regardless of the number of months remaining in the unit’s charter year. The unit sends to the council the prorated amount for those remaining months. Note that fees are figured on a monthly basis: 1 month \$1.25; 2 months \$2.50; 3 months \$3.75; 4 months \$5.00; 5 months \$6.25; 6 months \$7.50; 7 months \$8.75; 8 months \$10.00; 9 months \$11.25; 10 months \$12.50; 11 months \$13.75.

The balance of the boy’s fee is kept in the unit treasury to supplement his dues in paying the next full year’s fee. This procedure ensures prompt registration at charter renewal.

2] Unit Charter Fee. Packs are required to pay an annual charter fee of \$20. This fee is submitted with the pack’s annual charter application and helps to defray the expenses for their general liability insurance.

JUNE 2012

COLUMBIA RIVER

- 7 District Committee
- 14 Roundtable
- 18-21 Day Camp #1
- 25-28 Day Camp #2

EASTERN OREGON

- 7 District Committee
- 7 Roundtable
- 7 OA
- 8-9 La Grande Day Camp
- 15-16 Baker City Day Camp
- 21 Roundtable

OREGON TRAIL

- 7 District Committee
- 7 Commissioners
- 13-15 Day Camp
- 14 Roundtable

PIONEER

- 5 OA
- 6 District Committee
- 6 Commissioners
- 14 Roundtable
- 19-22 Day Camp

RATTLESNAKE RIDGE

- 7 District Committee
- 7 Commissioners
- 12-15 Day Camp
- 14 Roundtable

WHITE BLUFFS

- 7 District Committee
- 12-15 Day Camp
- 14 OA
- 14 Roundtable
- 21 Commissioners

BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL

- 5 Day Camp Meeting
Training Committee
- 14 OA LEC
- 18-23 National Youth Leadership
Training
- 20 Executive Committee/Board
Advancement Committee
- 27 Staff Meeting
- 28 Council Commissioner

*The same rate applies for registered adult Scouters.

June 2012

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					<i>BAKER CITY DAY CAMP</i>	
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				COUNCIL COMMISSIONER		

Basic Expenses Cont'd....

3] **Boys' Life.** *Boys' Life* magazine, the official publication of the Boy Scouts of America, is available to all members at \$12, which is half the newsstand rate. (Prorated fees are available for youth who join a unit during the year.) Every boy should subscribe to *Boys' Life* because of the quality reading and the articles related to your unit's monthly program. It is part of a boy's growth in Scouting, and research proves he will stay in longer and advance farther if he reads *Boys' Life*.

4] **Unit Accident Insurance.** Protecting leaders and parents from financial hardship due to high medical bills from an unfortunate accident is a must for all involved in Scouting. Specific details on insurance programs are available from the local council.

5] **Advancement and Recognition.** Every Cub Scout should earn and advance a rank and receive the patch for that rank each year. Active Webelos Scouts will earn multiple activity badges in addition to their rank advancements. The Cub Scout advancement program has many elements that include Arrow Points, immediate recognition patches, outdoor awards, and Academics and Sports belt loops and pins.

6] **Activities.** Critical to the successful "Ideal Year of Cub Scouting" is a complete program. Traditionally, such activities as Cub Scout pinewood derbies®, field trips, and district or council activities are financed by the boy and his family over and above the dues programs. It is suggested that the complete cost of these outings be built into the unit's budget.

7] **Cub Scout Day Camp, Cub Scout Resident Camp, Family Camping.** Central to a complete Cub Scouting year are summer camping experiences. Local council opportunities abound for Cub Scouts and their families to have exciting, program-rich summer experiences.

8] **Program Materials.** Each pack needs to provide certain program materials. Depending on the type of unit program, these could include den meeting supplies, Den Meeting in a Box kits, craft tools and supplies, U.S. flag, pack and den flags, camping equipment, videos and books, or ceremonial props. (Note: Packs may not hold title to property. Only chartered organizations or the local council legally can own property.)

JULY 2012

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12 Roundtable

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OREGON TRAIL

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5 Commissioners
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PIONEER

3 OA
11 District Committee
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RATTLESNAKE RIDGE

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BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL

3 Day Camp Meeting
Training Committee
4 **INDEPENDENCE DAY – Office Closed**
10 Endowment Committee
12 OA LEC
18 Executive Committee/Board
Advancement Committee
25 Staff Meeting
26 Council Commissioner