

## **Announcement from the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America Regarding Membership Fee Increase**



The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

To do this - while delivering the nation's foremost youth development program - the BSA must remain vigilant in controlling costs. Although we have been successful in reducing our expenditures in many areas, it has become necessary to evaluate our annual membership fees. Based on feedback from both volunteers and employees, the BSA membership fee will increase to \$33 for all registered youth and adult leaders, **effective December 1, 2017.**

Membership fees support the services that are necessary to provide Scouting to youth from 7 to 21 years of age. From environmental education to high-adventure experiences you can't get anyplace else, the BSA provides unique growth opportunities at a great value.

Services include liability coverage\* for all volunteer leaders and chartered organizations, ongoing advances in technology, fundraising support, new program development, membership recruiting strategies, and support materials. In 2016 alone, the BSA served 2.3 million youth members through approximately 270 local councils across the United States and its territories.

With the assistance of our volunteer leadership and Scouting parents, we will continue to accomplish incredible things for young people, and the communities we serve.

*\*Please note that the local council, (Hudson Valley Council) still requires the \$12 annual insurance fee and the Council Service and Operations fee at time of registration\**