

The “True” Cost of Scouting - The “Iceberg Analogy”

Why Friends of Scouting is so important!

What you see above the water is only about 20% of what Scouting provides to our members.



Books, Uniforms, Boys’ Life, Equipment, Registration, Activity Fees, Meeting Space Costs, etc.

But there is a whole lot more below the waterline!

Volunteer and Staff Training

Training for more than 5,000 volunteer leaders every year.

Insurance Coverage

The Council provides liability insurance to Scouts, leaders and Chartered Organizations at no cost to you!

Support Staff

For registration, clerical support, creation of publications and program support.

Reference Publications and Resources

Everything from program planning kits and Program helps to camping information books.

Council Camps

Maintenance and upkeep at our three council camps: Camp Pico Blanco, Camp Hi-Sierra, and Camp Chesebrough.

Administrative Needs

Postage, computers and link-up to National Computer System, copy and folding machines, print shop.

Camp Equipment

Tents, cooking equipment, camp vehicles, building repairs, canoes, equipment replacement and repair, and upkeep of council camps.

Recognitions

For leaders who attend training, volunteer for special projects and help out in many roles throughout Scouting.

Professional Staff

Our full-time staff who work with volunteers to organize new units, manage fundraising programs, conduct trainings, work with membership recruitment, provide counseling and advice for your district, our camps, and programs.

Skilled Camp Ranger

To keep our beautiful camp up-to-date and ready for our Scouts.

Service Center

Utilities, insurance, repairs and care for our Scout Service Center.

Council Charter Fee

To register every Scouting youth, leader, and unit with the National Organization.

Audio Visual Supplies

Used in trainings, camp promotion and program support.

Postage

Mailings to leaders, parents, and youth members.

Council E-letter

Our monthly newsletter emailed to more than 13,500 households to inform you of Scouting programs.

Council Website

Go online to www.svmbc.org to learn more about our council and all of our programs.

Unit Program Calendar

And many other items to help you plan your weekly program.

The majority of the costs of Scouting program, like running our camps, record keeping, materials, training programs, support staff and insurance are hidden beneath the surface, just like an iceberg. The 80 percent that isn't visible is what keeps the rest afloat.

Help keep Scouting afloat!