



# Membership Policy

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## Adult Members

The adults who provide supervision, support, and time to make Troop 236 a success are volunteers. How you support the Troop depends on your talent and available time. Adult leaders can be male or female. Whatever your volunteer role, our Troop needs you to keep operating as a quality unit. At least one adult from each family unit will be asked to register as an adult leader. The following unit and Council-level positions are recognized by Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

- **Committee Chairman (CC)** - The Troop Committee Chairman is appointed by the chartered organization and appoints and supervises the unit committee and unit leaders.
- **Committee Member (MC)** - The Committee is responsible for conducting the business of the troop, setting policy, and helping the Scoutmaster and Scouts with the outdoor program and other planned activities. The committee also has the responsibility to provide adults for boards of review.
- **Scoutmaster (SM)** - The Scoutmaster is the adult responsible for working directly with the Scouts to help them create the program for the troop. The Scoutmaster trains leaders to run the troop by providing direction, coaching, and support.
- **Assistant Scoutmaster (SA)** - An Assistant Scoutmaster is an adult leader age 18 or over who assists the Scoutmaster in delivering the troop program. The Assistant Scoutmaster is expected to be actively involved with mentoring scouts.
- **Merit Badge Counselor (42)** - A Merit Badge Counselor is a registered adult leader who has been recognized as having the skills and education in the merit badge subjects covered.
- **Unit Scouter Reserve (91U)** - The Unit Scouter Reserve position has been created for active supportive adults who have no immediate, specific leadership role. If you plan to go camping or attend other Troop activities with your scout, you may be required to register as a Unit Scouter Reserve if you are not otherwise registered.
- **Unit College Scouter Reserve** - The Unit College Scouter Reserve position was created for a Scout between the ages of 18 and 21 and is away at college, on a mission, in the service, or is otherwise not able to actively participate in the Troop activities, but wants to stay registered in the unit.

**Boy Scouts of America and Troop 236 are committed to the protection of youth. Youth Protection training is a joining requirement for all BSA adult volunteers and adults that attend camping trips.**

At least one adult from each family unit will be asked to register as an adult volunteer. Committee Member and Unit Scouter Reserve are positions for which anyone may volunteer. If you have an interest in registering as an Assistant Scoutmaster or Merit Badge Counselor, please discuss your wishes with the Committee Chairman or Scoutmaster. There are specific training requirements, beyond Youth Protection Training, for which Assistant Scoutmasters must be prepared.

Adult Leaders will be assessed a membership fee of **\$57** per year.

## Scout Members

Scouting, like most of life's choices, requires a commitment. When a scout joins scouting, the scout should do so with the goal of coming to all of the meetings and activities. On the other hand, scouting emphasizes that a scout should be well rounded. It is understood that the scouts will have other activities such as church, sports, and especially academic studies. We hope that the scout, together with their parents, will try to order their priorities for maximum participation in and enjoyment of the scouting program. This is particularly important if the scout



becomes interested in running for one of the leadership positions. Proper execution of these duties requires consistent attendance. Since we are preparing young people to make a positive difference in society, we judge that a member is “active” when their level of activity in Scouting has had a sufficiently positive influence toward this end. As defined by the Guide to Advancement, a scout is active when (1) the Scout is registered, (2) the Scout is in good standing, and (3) the Scout meets the unit’s reasonable expectations; or, if not, a lesser level of activity is explained.

## Membership Dues and Activity Fees

Troop 236 collects a combined fee for Membership and Activities of **\$100** per quarter per scout, payable quarterly in March, June, September, and December. Dues are used to cover required BSA membership costs, merit badge awards, merit badge books, advancement awards, equipment purchases, and other miscellaneous materials deemed necessary to run the Troop. Activity Fees cover the cost of food (utilized during the outing by the Grubmaster), transportation, and basic lodging (i.e. group campsites) for monthly outings. Activity Fees do not include Summer Camp expenses. An additional **\$15.00** per scout will be collected once annually for any Scout who wishes to subscribe to **Scout’s Life** magazine. Families will be notified ahead of time if there are any activities that have additional registration or other costs and those fees will be collected in advance of the activity.

### New Scouts

Membership Dues and Activity Fees begin to accrue for whole months after the scout becomes a member of the Troop. The Scout’s Life fee may also be prorated based on the month a Scout joins the Troop. There is an additional **\$25.00** fee charged by BSA for all new, non-transferring scouts.

### Unit College Scouter Reserve

Scouters registered using this position code will be assessed Membership Dues of **\$57.00** annually during Re-chartering. A Scouter in this position is encouraged to participate in any monthly activity their schedule permits. Prior to participating, they should contact the Scoutmaster or Outing Coordinator to determine any fees that may be due for that specific outing and will be required to have unexpired Youth Protection Training.

### Scout Bucks

The annual fundraiser and any other Troop sponsored fundraising activities are opportunities for Scouts to lessen their personal financial burden and help the Troop. The proceeds from any fundraising activity by the Troop will be divided between the Troop and the Scout according to the definition set by the Treasurer with approval from the Committee based on the fundraiser. The Scout’s portion of the fundraising is called Scout Bucks. Scout Bucks can be used to pay quarterly dues and fees and any additional activity fees.

### Delinquency

Scouts who are delinquent in their dues and fees may not be permitted to participate in troop outings. Active participation is generally a requirement for rank advancement. Troop 236 makes every effort to have a balanced program, which includes a variety of activities, at varying costs. However, no Scout should be prevented from participating for financial reasons. Financial assistance may be available for families who experience financial difficulty.

### Inactive Scouts

Understanding that there are times when a Scout may have competing priorities or activities that preclude active participation in the Troop, a Scout may elect to remain registered with the Troop in an Inactive status. Inactive Scouts do not accrue time toward rank advancement and will not be permitted to participate in Troop activities until they formally change their status. Inactive Scouts are also not assessed quarterly dues and fees. Scouts who become delinquent in their Dues and Fees and are not routinely in attendance at weekly Troop meetings may be moved to Inactive status. Any Scout who wishes to remain registered with the Troop in an Inactive status will be assessed Membership Dues of **\$141** annually during Re-chartering. Contact the Scoutmaster or Committee Chairman to formally change your status.

### Dan Wilkinson Fund



The Dan Wilkinson Fund was established upon the death of Dan Wilkinson, October 30, 2003. Dan was devoted to God, his wife, Babs, and his two children, Daniel and Kaisey. He worked as an agriculture reporter for over 20 years, ending his career at WRAL in Raleigh. He was an Eagle Scout who truly believed in the Scout program and displayed that belief through his dedication. He came to Troop 236 in 2002. Before his death he asked the committee to consider setting aside an amount of money to be used to help scouts unable to afford summer camp, uniforms, fees or the like. The committee unanimously agreed.

**PROCEDURE FOR ATTAINING SCHOLARSHIP:**

- Families in need of scholarship funds should advise the Scoutmaster or Troop Committee Chairman of need. (The need will be kept in strict confidence.)
- Scoutmaster and Troop Committee Chairman will assess the need and decide how best to help the family.
- Scoutmaster or Troop Committee Chairman will advise the Troop Treasurer who will disperse the funds.
- Checks must be made to a third party only, for example Occoneechee Scout Shop, and not to the individual family. Monies distributed will not exceed 75% of the total need. There is a \$500.00 limit per year, per family.

Donations are gratefully accepted and appreciated.

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**Document History**

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The Troop Committee is responsible for maintaining this policy. The following table is used to record changes to this document and the date changes were approved and became effective.

Version #	Date	Summary of Changes	Initials
1.0	1/1/2015	This policy was separated from a larger policy document and updated.	
2.0	7/30/2018	Update Fees to \$34 for Unit Scouter Reserve and Inactive Scout.	MSH
3.0	3/29/2021	Updated dues, adult fees, and reserve scout fees. Removed the clause that Scout Bucks cannot be used for Summer Camp or Boy's Life. Updated the Inactive Scout due	ARD
4.0	4/29/2023	Updated dues and dates	CNS