

## **ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS YOU MAY BE ASKED**

**Q. WHO DEVELOPS THE COUNCIL BUDGET?**

A. The budget is determined by the Council Finance Committee after many preliminary studies, and then presented to the Council Executive Board for final approval.

**Q. HOW ARE EXPENDITURES CONTROLLED?**

A. Regular reports are submitted to the Executive Board and the Council Treasurer, a volunteer, who exercises close control over all expenditures. Annually, a firm of Certified Public Accountants makes a detailed audit of Council's financial affairs. The Finance Committee reviews the budget quarterly.

**Q. WHO SPONSORS SCOUT UNITS?**

A. Schools, synagogues, churches, service clubs, veterans' organizations, industries, volunteer fire departments, parent groups and the other community organizations.

**Q. ARE CUBMASTERS, SCOUTMASTERS AND ADULT LEADERS PAID?**

A. Not in money, in satisfaction! Scouting is a volunteer movement. The only paid employees are the career staff and support staff.

**Q. DOES THE YOUTH PAY A REGISTRATION FEE?**

A. Yes, a National Fee of \$15 for members and for adult leaders. This is sent directly to the National Office, which supports the many services they provide, as well as making it possible for youth all over the country to belong to a national movement. The local Council cannot use this fee.

**Q. HOW MUCH MONEY IS SENT TO THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION?**

A. The entire registration fee of each youth member and adult leader, plus a council charter fee of over \$20,000. We think you will agree that this is pretty inexpensive for the organization of all Scouting programs, the writing of handbooks, engineering services for building camp, and the many other services provided by the National Council.

**Q. DOES THE BOY SCOUT BUDGET SEEM HIGH THIS YEAR?**

A. Scouting is not immune to increasing costs. The cost of everything is up. Paper costs more, utilities and insurance are up and, of course, professional expenses also have increased. It simply costs more to operate Scouting than it did a year ago. The council dropped two positions from the 2009 budget because of the economy. In 2010 a great job was done in keeping printing and utility costs down.

**Q. DOES SCOUTING OPERATE ON FEDERAL MONEY?**

A. No. Scouting does not receive any federal, state, or local tax money.

Q. IS THERE A DIRECT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MONEY AND YOUTH MEMBERSHIP GROWTH?

A. It has been proven through the years that when the growth of the financial foundation of Scouting occurs, opportunities are extended for more youth to come into the Scouting Program and benefit from character building and citizenship training.

Q. WHO IS A FRIEND OF SCOUTING?

A. A parent of a youth who is or has been in Scouting, an active or past adult participant, or others who have a special interest in Scouting.

Q. MAY I COUNT A FRIENDS OF SCOUTING GIFT FOR TAX PURPOSES?

A. Yes. Any FRIENDS OF SCOUTING contribution made to the Southern New Jersey Council, Boy Scouts of America, is fully deductible.

Q. HOW MUCH FRIENDS OF SCOUTING MONEY GOES TO MY CHILD'S UNIT?

A. None directly, but all indirectly. What the Council does with the money is organize new units, train leaders, conduct various activities, and provide help to your son's leaders, when needed. So you see, your son's unit does benefit from your enrollment.

Q. WE PAY FOR OUR CHILD'S UNIFORMS, BOOKS, AND CAMP FEES. WHY SHOULD WE PAY MORE?

A. Yes, I know, but not one cent of that money is used for the services provided by the Council. Money is essential if we are to continue to provide Scouting for your son and others.

Q. WHAT IF WE ALREADY GIVE TO THE UNITED WAY?

A. Your support of the united Way is helping a great number of worthwhile organizations, including Scouting. As of 2010 The Southern New Jersey Council is no longer a member of the Gloucester County or Cumberland County United Way, and we receive no allocated funds from the Camden and Salem County United Ways. Your United Way donation is separate from your contribution to the Friends of Scouting campaign.