



## Campership Policy and Instructions

Updated Winter 2024

### Campership Policy

Camperships exist to help provide life-changing camping experiences for Scouts who, because of financial challenges, may not otherwise be able to attend a summer camp opportunity.

Summer outdoor adventure changes lives through recreation, friendship and experiences; summer camp cultivates skills and values needed for success in the future.

Scouts who face financial challenges have attended camps in the past due to the support of the campership program. This is due to the generosity of Scouting alumni, community individuals and organizations, as well as, grants organized and allocated by the Garden State Council.

Therefore, the funds available in the campership program are limited. Aid can only be awarded if funds are available. Camperships are awarded based on need, so parents and unit leaders involved in completing an application are encouraged to clearly detail the need.

A Scout is Thrifty: A Scout works to pay his/her own way and help others. Camperships are not to exceed 50% of the fee.

This policy is made in consultation with and approved by the Council's VP of Program, the Council Camping Chair and the Chair of the Campership Committee. All decisions are made by the volunteer Campership Committee.

### Campership Instructions

This campership application is for youth only. Only one application per Scout will be considered. **Application deadline is April 15.** No camperships are reviewed or awarded before the April 15 deadline. The parent and unit leader will be notified of the campership award no later than May 1.

The Garden State Council proudly offers local, affordable programming through the campership-eligible events of Cub Scout Day Camp, Scouts BSA Specialty Camp or Trek Camp, and National Youth Leadership Training.

## campership noun

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### Definition of campership

: a grant given to a child or teenager to help with the expenses of attending a summer camp

To be eligible for a campership, youth applicants MUST:

- Be currently registered within a unit chartered in the Garden State Council.
- Have a financial need. Be specific. Share appropriate details. (For example, listing “financial hardship” is not sufficient.)
- Be recommended by his/her unit leader and parent/guardian.
- Clearly and completely fill out the Campership Application and turn in by April 15
- E-mail (camperships@gardenstatescouting.org), U.S. Mail, or deliver the form to the Council Service Center, or hand a hard copy to your District Executive.
- Help earn their own way. Camperships are not to exceed 50% of the fee.

Camperships are awarded to a specific individual and are not transferable to other youth.

The Campership Committee does appreciate hearing feedback from those receiving camperships. Should the Scout or family choose to share a letter about the experience, you can send one to the Campership Committee Chair, Garden State Council, 693 Rancocas Road, Westampton, NJ 08060.

If approved, the campership amount will be applied to the event when registration of the individual is confirmed. Funds will be credited to the appropriate Scout/unit camp balance. It is critical that correct parent and unit leader email addresses are given on this application, as this is the primary method of notification, or for any questions from the committee.

All camp fees (less the amount awarded) must be paid in full before the campership is applied directly to the Scout’s camp fee. For Troops: unit leaders will be able to see this in the online registration system. Unit leaders should ensure that the Scout is added to their camp roster in the online registration system in order that the financial aid can be applied.

If the request is denied, or the amount of the grant is less than requested, the applicant will have until the unit’s camp date to pay the balance of fees without penalty. Please note: if paying at camp then the letter stating the amount of financial aid granted must be taken to camp so that the award can be applied to the Scout’s account/unit account correctly.

*Note for Cubmasters and Webelos Leaders:* current 5<sup>th</sup>-graders who are crossing over to Scouts BSA are advised to make arrangements to attend summer camp with the Troop they intend to join. (Being new to a troop is not a valid reason to apply for financial aid.)

## **Summer Camp Costs 2024**

The following represents Early Bird fees for each summer camp:

- Day Camp – Cub Scouts: \$200
- Specialty Camps – Scouts BSA: \$400-\$500
- Kuweike Trek Camp – Scouts BSA: \$425
- National Youth Leadership Training – Scouts BSA: \$300

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