Unit Budget Expenses - Examples

This is a comprehensive list of costs a unit can incur over the course of a year.
1. **Registration fees.** The national registration fee is $60/Scout & $36/adult.
2. **Unit liability insurance fee.** Units are required to pay a $60 insurance fee during the annual recharter application.
3. **Boys’ Life magazine.** This is the official publication of the Boy Scouts of America available to members for $12/year. The magazine is informative and can enhance your monthly program.
4. **Unit accident and liability insurance.** Protecting parents from the financial hardship of medical bills from an unfortunate accident is a must for all involved in Scouting. The council fee is $1 per member per year.
5. **Awards, advancement and recognition.** Costs for monthly Cub Scout adventure loops and awards should be built into your budget.
6. **Activities.** Typically, activities like the Pinewood Derby, field trips, council events, and campouts aren’t included in the unit’s annual dues. They’re paid by families on a per-event basis. Consider including some or all of those costs in your annual budget.
7. **Camp.** Includes Cub Camps, Cub-O-Rees, and family camping. These special Scouting events — often the highlight of a young person’s year — should go in the budget.
8. **Program materials.** Meeting supplies, unit flags, camping equipment, books, and more.
9. **Training.** Adult and youth training should be considered an annual expense. Trainings can include Wood Badge for adults or National Youth Leadership Training.
10. **Uniforms.** Individuals pay for the uniform. Some units may gift a part of the uniform as a reward.
11. **Reserve fund.** The “rainy-day fund” might be established by a gift or loan from the chartered organization, by members of the committee, or a money-earning project.
12. **Other expenses.** A gift to the World Friendship Fund, meeting refreshments and other miscellaneous costs.

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