

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.