

## **Pack 72 Policy – Fund Raising/ Dues**

Pack 72 like most Cub Scout Packs is to be self funding and has no external sources of support other than a meeting place provided by the Libertyville United Methodist Church. As such, the monies spent on the annual Pack activities and provisions to the boys comes from annual Dues and the once a year Popcorn Sales fund raising event.

The following speaks to both Dues and Fund Raising.

### **General**

The Pack picks up most all expenses relating to the Cub Scout program with the exception of some fees related to activities such as Camping and the clothing portion of the uniform. The neckerchief and rank specific book is provided as are council strip and numerals.

These expenses have recently averaged approximately \$110 per boy for the year and are funded by the annual Dues and Fund Raiser.

### **Dues**

Dues typically have run in the \$40 to \$50 per year range depending on several factors and as set by the Pack Committee. Of this amount approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  goes to the Northern Illinois Council for their support and the Pack maintains the other  $\frac{1}{2}$  for its operations.

Annual Dues run from January to December in a given year per the Council policy. When a boy “crosses over” to a Boy Scout Troop, he will move his registration from the Pack to the Troop for a \$1 service fee and will still be registered until the December timeframe when he will register with the Troop.

Boys who join during the year will typically be charged \$30 for the partial year. With the amount paid to the Council and considering the book, neckerchief, council strip, and numerals provided by the Pack instead of being at the parents cost, the Pack actually does not break even and relies and budgets for other monies to support our new boys.

### **Fund Raiser**

The Pack has only one fund raiser during the year to provide essentially all of its operating funds. This is the Fall Popcorn Sales event.

It is important to recognize that of the amount of popcorn dollars that a boy sells,  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the revenue goes to the Pack and  $\frac{1}{3}$  to the Council which goes towards its annual expenses. This is the basis of the claim that over

70% of the popcorn sales cost goes to support Scouting, the remainder of the 70% being the logistics and prizes provided in the program.

The Pack will set a Popcorn minimum target for each boy to sell. This has been \$300 recently but could vary depending on the Pack Budget and the Pack Committee's recommendations. This amount must be a minimum amount sold per boy to be able to properly fund the Pack. Since the Pack only obtains 33% of the sales amount and then provides 10% back to the boy's accounts (see following), this only provides approximately \$69 to the Pack net which combined with the dues does not fulfill the amount spent by the Pack every year. In fact, this is a shortfall of \$15-\$25 per boy in general. The assumption has been that many boys will sell in excess of the \$300 to meet the Pack funding needs but the minimum per boy must be met as a member of the Pack.

Each boy will have credited to their "Activity Account" an amount equal to 10% of their sales amount. This money will carry over year to year and can be used to pay (or partially pay) for Summer Day Camp or other Pack activities such as Camping charges or approved activities. If any money is left in a boy's account upon their crossing over to Boy Scouts, the money will be returned to the Pack and cannot be provided to the boy in cash.