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CURRENT BSA FEE STRUCTURE

The Mount Baker Council has an annual council activity fee for participants. This fee is in addition to the National BSA's annual membership fee. Effective on April 1st, 2024.

National BSA Membership Fee

\$85 youth

\$50 Exploring youth

\$65 adults

\$25 Merit Badge Counselors

National BSA Membership Fee Benefits

- Accident & Liability Insurance
- Youth Protection Resources
- Criminal Background Checks
- Technology Upgrades
- Online Training Resources
- Access to BSA programs & curriculum

Council Annual Activity Fee

\$85 youth

\$50 Exploring youth

\$30 adults

Council Activity Fee Benefits

- Local Council Insurance
- Free Rank Advancement –Cloth badges for all units
- Top notch camp property
- Quality unit support through the Council's facilities and staff
- More time to invest in Unit Service

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NATIONAL BSA MEMBERSHIP AND COUNCIL ACTIVITY FEE STRUCTURE

THE VALUE OF SCOUTING

Families today have many options, but only Scouting provides a safe and fun atmosphere where a kid can be a kid all while preparing them to become an even better adult.

As we look forward to the future of Scouting, the Mount Baker Council is committed to providing a safe and cost-effective Scouting experience to all youth.

Our fee structure ensures the needed support of our organization and boosts unit level support with focus on quality program. The fee also provides the required insurance coverage to provide a robust Scouting program.

Total Annual Fees:

- \$170/youth
- \$100/Exploring youth
- \$95/adult



KEY FAQs

- Are there scholarships available for youth with needs?
 - ◆ The Mount Baker Council has the Opportunity Fund available for scholarship requests for qualifying fees.
- When are the National BSA membership fee and the Council activity fee due?
 - ◆ Starting April 1st, 2024, the full 12 month fees are due when you joined the BSA and our Council. The month you join will be your anniversary membership renewal date every year of participation.
- Is Scouting still affordable?
 - ◆ Yes, Scouting is still one of the most affordable programs for your family today. The average program costs per Scout (before a summer camp experience and inclusive of the council activity fee):
 - * Pack: \$275—\$325 per year
 - * Troop: \$350—\$400 per year
- Are there ways that a Scout can help them their own way?
 - ◆ Scouts who participated in popcorn sales last year earned an average of \$403 for their Scouting adventures.
- My son/daughter is joining a new unit this year. Will I have to pay a new member fee?
 - ◆ As of April 1, 2024, the one-time \$25 new member fee has been discontinued. There are no joining fees for youth, adult volunteers, exploring participants, members previously registered in any BSA program, or those transferring from one program to another.
- My family has three Scouts including a Tiger Cub, a Webelos and a Scouts BSA member while I serve as a Den leader. Paying the National BSA fee and the Council Activity fee will be tough for us. Do you have family plans?
 - ◆ The Council Activity Fee Family Plan has been set at full fee for the first \$200 for a family (two youth members and two adults for 12 months). Once the threshold of \$200 is reached by a family during the charter year, each additional registered member/leader will be \$10 for the remain-

der of the charter year. Lion and Tiger Adult Partners are non-paid adults; they will not be charged the Activity Fee. Merit Badge Counselors are also non-paid volunteers and are not registered leaders unless they are registered in a unit, district, or council position.

To apply for the Family Plan please complete the [Activity Fee Family Plan Form](#)

- Do you have advice on how a unit can help with the fees associated with registering as an adult leader?
 - ◆ Successful units and charter partners know that volunteerism is the key to a great program and they will budget, as part of their annual training, the cost of registering all the necessary adults with the local council and providing funds to support their training.

For more information on council fees, visit <https://www.mountbakerbsa.org/membership/council-fees-and-information/>

