

Centennial Fund

100 Years of Troop One



Background. For a century, Troop One has welcomed all kinds of boys into Scouting. Some come from affluent neighborhoods while others come from single-parent homes or families that struggle financially.

Starting out in Scouting costs money for registration, uniforms, and gear. Staying active in Troop One means paying for monthly outings and Camp Cody fees.

Annual registration	\$150
BSA full uniform (shirt, pants, patches)	\$110
Hiking boots	\$50
Sleeping bag	\$75
Backpack	\$75
Camping gear (poncho, sleeping pad, knife)	\$50
Monthly outings (6 monthly outings @ \$25)	\$150
Camp Cody fee	\$225
Total	\$885



Some Scouts find used uniform parts and borrow camping gear. Others can earn money with fund-raisers, recycling, and part-time jobs. But starting a son in Troop One and keeping him there is expensive. Families with two or more sons face multiple challenges.

For at least 25 years, the Troop Committee has confidentially helped families meet these costs. They've waived fees, found used backpacks, bought extra ponchos, and probably opened their own wallets.

As Troop One enters its second century of shaping boys into responsible adults, we should formally commit ourselves to lowering the economic barrier for boys who want to join Scouting through Troop One.

Proposal. With the leadership of the Committee Chair, the Troop Committee formally agrees to create "The Centennial Fund." The Centennial Fund celebrates Troop One's first 100 years and looks forward to another century of serving others.

Funding for the Centennial Fund will come solely from donations, not Troop One's regular operating costs.

Spending. At his sole discretion but after confidentially consulting with the Committee Chair, the Scoutmaster may spend money from the Centennial Fund to pay for any reasonable costs for a Scout to join and remain active in Troop One.

The Scoutmaster will report these costs to the Committee Treasurer who will keep an accurate record of the Scoutmaster's spending and maintain a confidential list of the recipients. The Committee Treasurer will report the previous year's Centennial Fund's total annual spending (without identifying the recipients) and the Fund's remaining balance as part of the annual budget.

The Committee Treasurer will be responsible for keeping the Centennial Fund separate from the Troop's regular revenues and spending, either by creating an independent account or by using accepted accounting methods.

Funding. The Troop Committee will invite donations to the Centennial Fund as needed, beginning with the initial invitation at the 100 Years of ONE event on June 11, 2016.

Troop One alumni, their families, and their friends will be the primary focus for these invitations, although families with Scouts currently in Troop One may wish to donate as well.

On behalf of the Troop Committee, the Committee Chair will thank all Centennial Fund donors in writing. Donors may remain anonymous.

Adopted by the Troop Committee: May 2, 2016