



Northridge Para Vista Scout Group

Membership Fees

2015

Introduction

Our Scout Group is entirely self-funded. Major costs include utilities and maintenance for the Scout Hall, the purchase of badges, equipment maintenance, registration and insurance and leader training. All of this adds up to over \$45,000 per year at Northridge, and we rely on membership subscriptions to fund most of these essentials.

In addition, the Group organises a number of fundraising activities throughout the year to make up any shortfall in our operating costs and to allow us to upgrade resources and equipment such as tents, ropes, cooking gear, games equipment, etc.

The only ongoing, fixed expense to families is that of the annual fees. The nature of our program means that there will, from time to time, be pack holidays, camps, hikes etc., normally over 2 or 3 days, which your child will no doubt want to attend. The cost, which covers items like food, camp fees where applicable etc, of these activities is an extra expense to yourself but you can be sure that we carefully aim to keep the price of such activities to a minimum – and we believe that these activities offer great value for money!

Fundraising

Fundraising accounts for approximately 20% of our total income and as already noted is an important source of income for the group. We run numerous fundraising events, in particular a number of sausage sizzles throughout the year at Bunnings Modbury and Bunnings Parafield. We are often struggling to get volunteers to man many of these and often find it is the same people helping out time and time again. This is unfair on those people as this money benefits everyone in our group.

We therefore ask that every family helps out with fundraising at least once per year. This could be as little as one two hour shift at a sausage sizzle.

Membership Fees 2015

The Membership Fees for 2015 have been set by the Parents Committee based on detailed and sound budgeting for the coming year. Fees will be invoiced each term, with the SA Branch membership fee (currently set at \$52.00) invoiced in Term 1. ***It is requested that fees are paid by the due dates specified on the invoice.***

New Members are invoiced their fees after the Y1 Youth Member Application is submitted to the Group. The Group offers 4 nights free as a 'Come and Try', thence, should the child continue with the Group, the Y1 Form is submitted and term fees will be invoiced at a pro-rata of \$5.50 per night for the remainder of the current term – ***there is no need to pay fees prior to this time. Fees are due within 2 weeks of invoice being issued.***

Child	Term Fee	Fundraising Levy
1 st child	\$55.00	\$30.00 (if selected)
2 nd child	\$50.00	\$0
3 rd (and subsequent) child	\$45.00	\$0

Joining Fee

A joining fee of \$25 is payable by new members upon invoice to cover initial expenses – investiture badges, neckies and record books. This is a once-off fee charged when a new member joins the Group.

Affiliation Fee

The Scouts Australia (SA Branch) annual registration fee, is currently set at \$52 per year, and is to be paid upon joining and annually thereafter.

Extenuating Circumstances and Financial Difficulties

If there are any extenuating circumstances that prevent you from meeting your account payment on time, then please contact the Group Leader. All such matters are treated in the strictest confidence.