

Campership Application Instructions

The Hoosier Trails Council, BSA promotes camping and does not want any Cub Scout, Boy Scout, or Venturer to miss the opportunity to attend a summertime camping or training program offered by our Council.

A Scout is Thrifty. The Boy Scouts of America and the Hoosier Trails Council encourage all Scouts to pay their own way to Scouting activities, as this philosophy supports the basic aims of Scouting. However, we realize that some Scouts need a little extra help at times in order to participate.

Camperships are limited to registered youth members of the Hoosier Trails Council. Camperships are also available for attendance at National Youth Leadership Training, National High Adventure Bases, and National and World Jamborees. Camperships may not be used for out-of-Council camps or programs.

We encourage Scouting units and families to help Scouts earn funds for camp. Here are some suggestions:

- Sell Popcorn or other Council supported fund raising products! The unit can allocate a portion of its commission to individual Scouts.
- Organize a fundraising project to specifically assist youth attending camp. Each Scout should be given credit towards camp fees based on the amount of effort he puts in.
- Each Scout should be encouraged to save money on their own, i.e., birthday gifts, mowing lawns, shoveling snow, and other odd jobs.
- If a Scout needs assistance finding a job, the Unit Committee should contact the Chartered Organization for help in identifying sources of jobs and funding. If money is given, the Scout should work for it by doing projects for his/her church, school, or community.

If after trying all of the above, the Unit finds that a Scout still needs financial help, the Hoosier Trails Council Campership program will attempt to provide assistance. The Unit Leader or the Unit Committee Chair must discreetly work with the family and carefully follow the procedure outlined below:

1. **Verify with the family that there is a true need.** Make sure that all other sources of funds have been exhausted before requesting campership assistance. Campership funds are very limited, and we are not able to meet all requests. We need your help to see that campership dollars are provided to those who most need assistance. Requesting funds for someone who doesn't truly need it may prevent another disadvantaged Scout from receiving assistance.
2. The campership **application must be completed in its entirety.** The comments on each application will be treated as confidential and only members of the Campership Selection Committee will have access to this information. The application must be filled out completely and **signed by both the unit leader and the parent.**
3. In order to be considered, **completed applications must be submitted** to the Campership Selection Committee via the Council Service Center **no later than April 1st.**
4. Each application will be carefully and objectively reviewed by the Committee, based solely on the degree of need as indicated on the form. Up to 50% of the discounted or Early-Bird fee may be awarded, subject to the total number of campership applications received and amount of funds available.
5. **Selections and notifications to Unit Leaders will be made by April 7th.** Funds will be credited towards registration fees for the camp through the Council Service Center, and no checks will be issued to units or individuals.
6. If for any reason you must deviate from this procedure, you must attach a statement of adequate justification to support the deviation.

Campership Application – Due April 1st

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY • ONE FORM PER CAMBERSHIP APPLICANT

A Campership is requested for (only one Scout per Application):		Scout Unit: <input type="checkbox"/> PACK <input type="checkbox"/> TROOP <input type="checkbox"/> CREW # _____
Scout's Name _____		District _____
Age _____ Rank _____		Scout Leader _____
Parent's Name _____		Unit Position _____
Address _____		Address _____
_____		_____
Phone # _____		Phone # _____
Email _____		Email _____

Camp Attending _____	Amount Family Can Pay	\$ _____
Type of Camp Attending _____	Amount Unit Can Pay	\$ _____
Dates of Camp _____	Amount Chartered Partner Can Pay	\$ _____
Total Camp Fee \$ _____	Amount Requested (Up to 50%)	\$ _____

Briefly describe this applicant's Scouting history.

Is your family on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)? YES NO

Does your family have more than one youth currently in a BSA scouting program? YES NO

Did the Scout participate in the Popcorn Sale or other Council fundraising programs? YES NO

Total Amount of Goods Sold \$ _____

Describe other fundraising opportunities that have been or are being pursued to earn money for camp.

Scout Leader's Signature

Parent's Signature

Date

When completed, send this form to:

Campership Selection Committee Hoosier
Trails Council, BSA
5625 E. State Road 46
Bloomington, IN 47401

For Campership Committee Use:

Date Received _____	Date Processed _____
Amount Requested \$ _____	Amount Awarded \$ _____
Reason _____	