

TBS Camp Fee Increases/Facility Upgrades for 2023

The BSA provides the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training, which helps young people be "Prepared. For Life.®" The HOVC seeks to provide youth involved in Scouting unique, life-changing experiences youth can't get anywhere else. As the HOVC administrative team works towards that goal, we wanted to provide an update of changes and improvements to expect in 2023.

Camp Fee Increases

Fees for those attending HOVC camps in the summer of 2023 will be increasing because of rising costs across the board including for food, staffing, electricity and fuel costs. Scouts attending camp will also notice structural upgrades and improvements to our facilities. Details are listed below.

Summer camp program fees for 2023:

- TBS Summer Camp for Scouts
Scout Campers - \$435
Early Bird Scout Campers - \$410 Adult Campers - \$195
- Cub Adventure Camp for Cub Programs
- Cub Campers - \$185
- Early Bird Cub Campers - \$170
- Adult Campers - \$120

Please note, we do not want lack of funds to be the reason a Scout cannot attend camp.

Scholarship funds are available to help families in need with the cost of camp. If there are youth and families that need help, please contact your District Executive to apply for scholarship support. The deadline for these requests is March 15, 2023. The HOVC will assist as many campers as possible, based on available funds. The camping committee will evaluate those requests vs. the available funds to help as many as we can.

Facility Upgrades

While inflation makes up for a large portion of these fee increases, facility improvements and upgrades have also been underway to provide for a better Scouting experience. This year, Scouts will notice:

- Improvements to the dining hall food options including a better salad bar, a pasta bar and fresh fruit for Scouts during the day.
- The entire Aquatics area has been renovated including the addition of one pavilion and two teaching pavilions which we hope to complete by this summer.
- Cub Castle has been renovated to include pool repairs and renovation of the castle and bathrooms.
- All Cub Adventure Camp buildings were repainted during the COVID shutdown and new roofs were put on all the Sleepy Hollow camp staff cabins.

- Window air conditioners were added to the TBS camp staff cabins for safety reasons because the heat during the day was exceeding 100 degrees.
- The Wet Willie staircase was repaired.
- \$10,000 of new equipment has been added in the Reinhart STEM Center for teaching merit badges.
- We added 600 catfish and fish attractors in Lake Dillon to improve the fishing experience.

These upgrades are in addition to several maintenance projects that are not as noticeable such as renovation of the water tower and flow system, dam repairs required by the state and bringing in a forestry mulcher to widen the roads in the camping areas and clear the banks of Lake Dillon to improve the fishing locations for the Scouts.

In summary, we want our Scouts and leaders to have the best experience they can at the Heart of Virginia Council Scout Reservation. Therefore, these fee increases will help ensure that we provide the best facilities, best food, and best staff year-round for our Scouting units.