

## Troop 15 Fundraiser Overview for Parents - PLEASE READ!

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Hello Troop 15 Parents,

Our one fundraiser of the year is here! This year the fundraiser will be a little bit different. We have teamed up with John McCleary of the Redding Running Club which makes the fundraiser a weekend event. It will be a combination of our traditional Spaghetti Dinner and the Mark Twain Redding Road Race. Last night, we gave the boys a packet of information and we wanted to share the details with you as well.

### WHAT IS IT? A QUICK OVERVIEW

**Spaghetti Dinner:** In years past this was a sit down all you can eat affair, but unfortunately with COVID and other restrictions we are going to make this a "TAKE OUT" only event. People will still get the same great food but can eat it at home.

**Mark Twain Redding Road Race:** This is in place of the "Run for the Cows" race and will begin and end at Hoyt. Camp Hoyt, Troop 15 & Troop 306 will be the main beneficiaries of the race along with other local organizations. The troop will help out the day before handing out race bibs. On the day of the race scouts will be handing out race bibs and be on the course manning the first aid and water stations and assisting the runners.

### WHEN:

Saturday April 30th 2022 Spaghetti Dinner Take Out (4-8pm) and Road Race Prep (12pm -5pm)  
Sunday May 1st 2022 Road Race: 6am-12pm (times subject to change)

### \$300.00 MINIMUM SALES PER SCOUT + EVENT PARTICIPATION

We expect every scout to sell the minimum requirement of \$300.00 worth of tickets (or donations). To try to say it in the friendliest way .... meeting the minimum isn't optional!

So please help make time to drive and encourage your son to get out and sell so they can make their minimum goal at least. The more they go out and sell, the less chance you will find yourself making a "donation" of your own to help them meet their minimum! The troop will be hosting an Ice Cream party if all scouts participate and meet/exceed their goal.

Scouts are also expected to participate in one, if not both days of the events. There is plenty to do and many jobs available from handing out race bibs, helping with food, and assisting racers on race day.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Feel free to help your son by selling tickets at your place of work or other places and events you may be associated with (some scouts are very successful at their churches or sporting events!) Your employer may like to buy tickets or make a donation or have a charitable gift matching program. You may also know other local business that would like to support Troop 15. Any corporate sponsor giving at least \$100.00 can have their name printed on the banner of supporters that will hang by the Firehouse during the dinner. Any funds you raise will go towards your son's total.

Encourage your son to go out in the neighborhood and start selling or participate in one of the selling events (coming soon).

Parents are also expected to help out that weekend with the Spaghetti Dinner and Road Race Events as we can always use some extra (seasoned) hands. We have lots of jobs to fill plus, it is lots of fun!!

## WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

While those of us on the troop committee become familiar with the troop budget and how the money is spent, as a parent you wouldn't be aware of the expenses, so it is worth sharing some of that information with you, so you understand where the money goes.

This year we only charged \$95.00 for each scout for annual dues. Some troops charge as much as \$250.00 per year which is on par with sports which might cost that for just a season. The success of our fundraising has allowed us to keep our annual dues to a minimum.

### Annual BSA fees:

Cost for each scout is \$144.00 per year, and each adult leader is \$69

Each Scout will pay a \$72.00 BSA National Registration fee plus a \$48.00 Council Operations Fee plus a \$12.00 insurance liability fee, for a total of \$132.00

Each Adult will pay a \$45.00 BSA National Registration fee plus a \$12.00 Council Operations Fee plus a \$12.00 insurance liability fee, for a total of \$69.00

Subscription costs for Boys Life are an additional \$12.00

Charitable costs: Every year our troop purchases flags to put on veteran's grave sites throughout Redding. We also provide camperships for any scout in the troop that needs assistance for summer camp or other troop activities.

Training: Our troop pays a portion of National Youth Leadership Training as well as our Adult Leader training (Wood Badge)

Troop Equipment and supplies: Troop equipment includes upkeep and replacement of cooking gear, providing stove fuel, tarps, ropes, trailer maintenance and other items. Troop also supplies food at certain events and activities.

Camping expenses: Our successful fundraising allows us to enjoy some great trips such as Block Island, our shooting sports trips, zip lining and canoeing and other fun activities. In addition to activity expense, almost all campsites have usage fees.

Support High Adventure trips: For scouts who exceed the minimum sale requirement of \$300 we are offering a 50/50 opportunity to bank funds to put towards high adventure trips such as Jamborees, Philmont Scout Ranch, Florida Sea Base, Summit Bechtel Reserve, Northern Tier and SEQUASSEN!

Here is how it works. Once a scout reaches their \$300 goal, any amount over that amount will be split 50/50 with the troop. For instance, If a scout sells \$400, then \$50 can be applied to a high adventure event or summer camp at Camp Sequassen. ( $\$400 - \$300 = \$100$  over.  $\$100 / 2 = \$50$ ) The funds must be used within two years. If a scout works hard, they can help pay for summer camp!!!!

This should help show why it is so important for each scout to make their goals and make our 2022 Spaghetti Dinner – Mark Twain Road Race another success!

Thank you for all you do to support Troop 15.

Yours in Scouting,

Jacob Cedusky, Troop 15 Committee Chair  
Vanessa Alward, Troop 15 Fundraiser Co-Chair  
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Amy Morris, Troop 15 Fundraiser Co-Chair  
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