

**Hello Troop 15 Parents,**

**Our one fundraiser of the year is here!**

**WHAT IS IT?**

**Spaghetti Dinner:** With COVID in the rear-view mirror, we will again be able to enjoy each other's company in a sit down all-you-can-eat affair. Time to break out your stretchy pants!

**WHEN:**

**Saturday, May 3rd 2025 Spaghetti Dinner (5-8pm)**

**\$500.00 MINIMUM SALES PER SCOUT + EVENT PARTICIPATION**

We expect every scout to sell the minimum requirement of \$500.00 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 at least make their minimum goal. 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!

Scouts are also expected to participate in two shifts for the dinner. There is plenty to do and many jobs available from setup, to helping with food, and assisting with cleanup.

**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 they may have a charitable gift matching program. You may also know other local businesses that would like to support Troop 15. Any corporate sponsor giving at least \$75.00 can have their name added to the slideshow to be played at 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, either before, during or after the Spaghetti Dinner. We can always use some extra (seasoned) hands. We have lots of jobs to fill plus, it's lots of fun!! A parent is expected to assist during the 2 shifts that their scout is working.

We also ask that families provide nut-free desserts for the Spaghetti Dinner, so break out those mixing bowls!

**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 \$170.00 per year, and each adult leader is \$89.

Fees cover: Registration, Insurance, Operations Costs and a subscription for Boys Life magazine.

**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 Fees:** Our troop pays a portion of Youth Leadership Training as well as our Adult Leader training.

**Troop Equipment and Supplies:** Troop equipment includes upkeep and replacement of cooking gear, providing stove fuel, tarps, ropes, trailer maintenance and other items. The 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, canoeing and other fun activities. In addition to activity expenses, almost all campsites have usage fees.

**Support High Adventure Trips:** For scouts who exceed the minimum sale requirement of \$500 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 **Camp Sequassen!**

**Here is how it works.** Once a scout reaches their \$500 goal, any amount over that amount will be split 50/50 with the troop. For instance, If a scout sells \$600, then \$50 can be applied to a high adventure event or summer camp at Camp Sequassen. ( $\$600 - \$500 = \$100$  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 2025 Spaghetti Dinner another success!

Thank you for all you do to support Troop 15!