

## RE: Troop 49 Fundraising Policy

Dear Scouts and Parents,

Starting January 1, 2014 the troop will be requiring the following:

1. A scout must sell enough products to equal \$125 profit to the troop. If he does not meet this goal by December 31<sup>st</sup>, he will be billed for the remainder.
2. If a scout chooses not to participate in any product sales he can donate \$125 to the troop in lieu of selling.

Reasons a scout should participate:

- a. A scout learns about salesmanship, developing communication skills, and confidence
- b. The scout takes ownership in his troop.
- c. He learns about paying his own way, and reduces the financial burden on his family when he wants to go on a campout or buy camping supplies.
- d. A scout actively supports his troop, he's giving back. This is the scouting way.

Expenses that are covered:

- a. Insurance for the trailer
- b. Repairs and signage for the trailer
- c. All camping supplies- which includes tents, cookware, stoves, Dutch ovens, water containers, tables, high adventure gear, canoes, paper products, charcoal, etc
- d. Troop events such as Court of Honors, celebrations, Webelos and Cub scout outings
- e. All campouts and outdoor activities require at least 1 adult leader, usually 2, to be present. The troop pays for their registration costs. Fundraising helps cover in part or all of this expense.
- f. Annual re-charter cost, Boys Life, merit badges, rank patches.

Historically, Troop 49 has never asked a scout or his family to pay a "joining" cost. Many other troops do this to help cover registration fees and the scouts' part of troop expenses. The burden of covering set expenses in our troop has always been covered by scouts participating in fundraising events. It is critical that scouts not only sell but sell enough to cover their costs within the troop. When the scouts sell they are reinforcing the scout spirit of teamwork, family, and helping other people at all times.