2014 Workership Program

Since its founding, a primary aim of Scouting has been to teach self-reliance and promote a strong work ethic. Just as important, perhaps, is the goal that no Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Explorer be prevented from participating in a Scouting activity because of lack of funds. The Workership program helps us achieve this.

Each year, partial Scout camp fees are awarded to those boys who wish to go to camp but are unable to pay. This money is given in return for some form of service to the school, to the church, or to the boy's chartered institution.

To participate, a Scout must:

1) Identify a "Good Turn" work project. This should be a project of the boy's own choosing

   Unit Service Projects, such as Scouting for Food, do not qualify, nor do service projects completed as part of a Scouts' advancement program count for Workership projects. Projects should involve a significant number of hours and effort on the boys' part, appropriate for his age. A minimum of 2-3 hours would be sufficient. ***EXAMPLE: Volunteering at a local shelter; Park Clean-up.***

2) Secure his Scout Leader's approval that the project is worthwhile. Approval of the project by his leader must be received before any work begins.

3) With his Unit Leader, fill out the Workership application and keep a copy for your records. Mail original application no later than March 15th, 2014 to:

   Ozark Trails Council, BSA
   Attn: Workership Committee
   1616 S. Eastgate Ave
   Springfield, MO 65809

4) Complete the project he has agreed to do to the satisfaction of his Unit Leader

5) The Unit Leader is responsible to see that the project is completed and will verify project completion at camp.

Workerships can be awarded for up to 50% of the **2014 Camp Fee.** The program is designed to help a low-income youth who could not otherwise afford to go to camp. The Council is trusting the honor system with the families and scout leaders who complete these forms and no proof of income is required.

Properly approved and completed Workership projects will result in credit applied in the Scout's name toward the camp for which he completed the Workership only.

Those who wish to contribute to the Workership Fund may do so by sending their contribution to the Ozark Trails Council (address listed in #3 above) with the designation 'Workership Fund' on the contribution

Ozark Trails Council Boy Scouts of America

2013 Workership Proposal Application

Before any work begins, the Unit Leader and the Scout's family should complete this form, including leader signatures, and return this form to the Springfield Scout Service Center

Date:_____

Pack/Troop/Crew #:_____ District: _____

Camp Attending: _____ Camp Session Dates:_____

Scout's Name: _____

Address:_____

City:_____ State:____ Zip:_____ Phone:_____

Leader's Name:_____

Address:_____

City:_____ State:____ Zip: _____ Phone:_____

Email:_____

What Project Do You Plan To Do?

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Number of Hours Expected to complete: _____

Workership Earnings will be used for: _____

Does Pack/Troop participate in Family Friends of Scouting? YES / NO

Did Pack/Troop sell Popcorn? YES / NO Is any popcorn income to be used for camp? YES / NO

Reason for assistance:_____

"I certify that our family needs assistance. A camping experience will not be possible without assistance from the Workership Fund."

Parent's Signature:_____ Date:_____

Unit Leader Signature:_____ Date:_____

Amount of Camp Fee (Early Bird): $_____

Unit or Charter Partner Assistance: $_____

Amount Family will pay: $_____

Workership Amount Requested: $_____ (50% of Early Bird Max.)

Annual Household Income(select one):

__under $10,000 ___$30,000 - $40,000

__$10,000 - $20,000 ___$40,000 - $50,000

__$20,000 - $30,000 ___$50,000 or higher

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Date Received: _____

Amount Authorized: $_____

Project Completed? YES / NO

Credit Issued (date): _____ by _____

Recorded (date): _____

Letter Sent (date): _____