

Introduction

This proposed change is based on discussion at the parents meeting on Wednesday August 29, 2012. Some of the drawbacks of the existing policy were noted as: 1) low reimbursement rate given current gas costs, 2) no allowance for drivers carrying gear rather than scouts, and 3) concern that we were penalizing parents who volunteered their time and vehicles thereby discouraging participation. There was a general agreement to change the policy from a per scout amount to a per mile amount. It was further suggested to use the current IRS allowance for mileage driven for a charitable organization. This is not intended to fully reimburse costs, just offset them. Scouting is a charitable organization. We strive to minimize the cost for scouts and all parents are encouraged to participate as they can.

Gas Reimbursement Policy

Objectives

- a) We want to maintain low costs if possible for outings (financial burden should be minimized, if possible, for everyone).
- b) We want to encourage participation, and reduce the costs for the parents attending -- particularly for gas...
- c) Keep camping as a revenue neutral activity for the troop.

Policy

- 1) The reimbursement rate will be the IRS allowance for mileage driven for a charitable organization, currently \$0.14 per mile.
- 2) The distance which sets the reimbursement will be taken from the approved Tour Plan and should be measured using one of the internet mapping engines (Google Maps or similar) for fastest route.
- 3) A driver is only eligible for reimbursement if they carry a scout other than their son or gear other than theirs or their son's.
- 4) Trips under 35 miles one way will not be eligible for reimbursement. This is primarily for simplicity in estimating the costs per scout as discussed below. The result is that drivers will still be asked to cover the costs for trips that would otherwise result in less than \$10 reimbursement.
- 5) Reimbursement can be in check form after the campout, or as a deposit to the scout account, as requested by the driver. For long trips, the camp coordinator may arrange for payment at trip departure.

Impact

One of the drawbacks of this policy is that it will be impossible to be exactly revenue neutral. Additional planning will be required to ensure it is as close as possible. Drivers should coordinate with the responsible adult for the trip. The following guidelines are provided to estimate the cost per person. This will have to be included when calculating the cost of the camp. The following table provides the cost per person (scouts and adults) assuming 4 people per car. If on average there are less people per car, the troop treasury will be at risk for additional costs. If the average is more than 4 people per car, or the driver doesn't request reimbursement, it will be remitted to the troop for propane and other camping equipment, and used to offset the costs of the next campout and Troop operations.

One Way Mileage	Round Trip Mileage	Cost per Person (4 people per car)
35	70	\$0.00
40	80	\$2.80
50	100	\$3.50
60	120	\$4.20
70	140	\$4.90
80	160	\$5.60
90	180	\$6.30
100	200	\$7.00
125	250	\$8.75
150	300	\$10.50
175	350	\$12.25
200	400	\$14.00
225	450	\$15.75
250	500	\$17.50
275	550	\$19.25
300	600	\$21.00
325	650	\$22.75
350	700	\$24.50