

Scouting America



Greater Hudson Valley Council

Important Notice: Membership Fee Increase Effective December 1, 2025

Dear Scouting America Leaders and Families,

The Greater Hudson Valley Council Board has approved a Council Program fee increase from \$85 per member to \$135 per youth member, effective **December 1, 2025**, payable when the individual member renews.

After careful review of our finances and consideration of the impact on Scouting families, our Board finalized this decision on April 21, 2025. The fee increase addresses rising operational costs—particularly insurance, property maintenance, and utilities—while offsetting significant drops in fundraising and donations. We exhausted other options by cutting unnecessary expenses and developing new revenue strategies for 2026 and beyond before approving this increase.

We hope that this increase in fees and strong unit support of fundraising efforts will allow us to stand on a firm financial footing. However, should we fail to meet our fundraising goal, an additional increase in 2027 will be necessary.

You can help as an individual, family, and unit by participating in our Spring and Fall product sales, attending summer camps that are owned and operated by GHV (Camp Read & Camp Bullowa), supporting any special event or making donations to our annual giving campaign.

We're hosting three town hall meetings to outline the process used to make this decision and address your questions. We will also visit each District's upcoming roundtable. Please see the schedule below for specific dates and times.

We remain committed to keeping summer camp fees affordable and delivering high-quality programs, training, and support to our Scouting community. This increase ensures we can continue providing safe and enriching experiences for everyone involved.

Yours in Scouting,

Tom Campanile, Board Chair
Jann Mirchandani, Program Fee Taskforce Chair
Rich Stockton, Scout Executive/CEO