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Greater Hudson Valley Council

Greater Hudson Valley Council Program Fee – Frequently Asked Questions

What's happening?

- The Greater Hudson Valley Council is raising the Program Fee by \$50, bringing the total to \$135 per Scout, effective December 1, 2025.
- If council-wide fundraising goals are not met by November 1, 2026, the Program Fee will increase again to \$185 per Scout, effective December 1, 2026.

Will there be a sibling discount?

- No. Unfortunately, the software used to collect the program fee does not support sibling discounts. However, units are encouraged to set fundraising goals to help families offset the increase in program fees.

When will we know if the fee is increasing again in 2026?

- Fundraising Goal Deadline: November 1, 2026
- If Not Met: The Program Fee will increase to \$185 per Scout, effective December 1, 2026

Will the Council offer additional fundraising opportunities?

- No. The Council already provides two product sale opportunities each year—Popcorn in the Fall and Nuts in the Spring. Due to limited staff capacity, additional fundraising programs cannot be offered at this time.

Are Units required to participate in Popcorn and Nut Sales?

- No. Participation is optional. However, each Unit is expected to raise at least \$50 per Scout to support the Council's budget—whether through Council product sales, a Unit-run fundraiser, or by charging an additional Unit fee.

What if our Unit participates in fundraising but others don't?

- The 2026 Program Fee increase will depend on whether the entire Council meets its fundraising goal. Even if your Unit meets or exceeds expectations, the fee will increase if the overall goal is not met. Many Units choose to set aside a portion of their fundraising proceeds to help cover future fees or assist families in need.