

CAMPERSHIP 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 Venturer ever be prevented from participating in a Scouting activity because of lack of funds. The Campership Program helps us achieve these objectives. This program is funded by Erie Shores Council donors and therefore is limited to In-Council Units. Each year, partial Scout camping fees are awarded to those youth who wish to go to camp but are unable to pay. This money is given in return for some form of service to the community, to the church or synagogue, or to the member's chartered institution.

To participate the youth must:

1. Identify a "good turn" work project. This project should be age appropriate and of the youth's own choosing. Unit service projects, such as Scouting For Food, do not qualify, nor do service projects completed as part of a Scout's advancement program count for Campership Projects. The project should involve a significant number of hours and effort on the youth's part and must be approved in advance by a representative of the group for whom the project is done.
2. Secure his/her unit leader's approval that the project is worthwhile as well as approval from a representative of the group benefitting from the project.
3. With the unit leader, fill out the Campership Proposal Application, make a copy and mail original to:
**CAMPING SECRETARY
ERIE SHORES COUNCIL, B.S.A.
P.O. Box 8728
TOLEDO, OH 43623-0728**
The deadline for initial submission is April 15th. The project must be completed at least 30 days prior to the date of camp attendance.
4. Once council approval is received, complete the project he/she has agreed to do to the satisfaction of the unit leader.
5. With the unit leader, complete and copy the Campership Project Completion Report and forward it to the Camping Committee for processing and approval.

Camperships will be awarded for *up to 50%* of the fee to attend Erie Shores Council summer camping programs. These are defined as Cub Scout Day or Resident Camp (council or district operated) and Boy Scout/Venturing resident camp programs at Pioneer Scout Reservation. Camperships will be awarded strictly on the "honor system". No proof of income is required, although the program is designed to help low income youth who could not otherwise afford to go to camp.

Properly approved and completed Campership projects will result in a credit at the Scout Service Center applied in the youth's name toward the camp program for which he/she completed the Campership. The unit leader will be notified the credit has been applied.

Those who wish to contribute to the Campership Fund may do so by sending their contribution to:

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Please be sure to indicate that you would like your donation to go to the Council Campership Fund.