



# Campership Application Instructions

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The Hoosier Trails Council, BSA promotes camping and does not want any Cub Scout, Boy Scout, or Venturer to miss the opportunity to attend a summertime camping or training program offered by our Council.

A Scout is Thrifty. The Boy Scouts of America and the Hoosier Trails Council encourage all Scouts to pay their own way to Scouting activities, as this philosophy supports the basic aims of Scouting. However, we realize that some Scouts need a little extra help at times in order to participate.

Camperships are limited to registered youth members of the Hoosier Trails Council. Camperships are also available for attendance at National High Adventure Bases and National and World Jamborees. Camperships may not be used for out-of-Council camps or programs.

We encourage Scouting units and families to help Scouts earn funds for camp. Here are some suggestions:

- Sell Popcorn! The unit can allocate a portion of its commission to individual Scouts.
- Organize a fundraising project to specifically assist youth attending camp. Each Scout should be given credit towards camp fees based on the amount of effort he puts in.
- Each Scout should be encouraged to save money on their own, i.e., birthday gifts, mowing lawns, shoveling snow, and other odd jobs.
- If a Scout needs assistance finding a job, the Unit Committee should contact the Chartered Organization for help in identifying sources of jobs and funding. If money is given, the Scout should work for it by doing projects for his/her church, school, or community.

If after trying all of the above, the Unit finds that a Scout still needs financial help, the Hoosier Trails Council Campership program will attempt to provide assistance. The Unit Leader or the Unit Committee Chair must discreetly work with the family and carefully follow the procedure outlined below:

1. Verify with the family that there is a true need. Make sure that all other sources of funds have been exhausted before requesting campership assistance. Campership funds are very limited, and we are not able to meet all requests. We need your help to see that campership dollars are provided to those who most need assistance. Requesting funds for someone who doesn't truly need it may prevent another disadvantaged Scout from receiving assistance.
2. The Unit Leader or Unit Committee Chair, with the discreet assistance of the family, must fill out the Campership Application. The comments on each application will be treated as confidential and only members of the Campership Selection Committee will have access to this information. The application must be filled out completely and signed by both the unit leader and the parent.
3. In order to be considered, completed applications must be submitted to the Campership Selection Committee via the Council Service Center no later than May 1st.
4. Each application will be carefully and objectively reviewed by the Committee, based solely on the degree of need as indicated on the form. Up to 50% of the discounted or Early-Bird fee may be awarded, subject to the total number of campership applications received and amount of funds available.
5. Selections and notifications to Unit Leaders will be made by May 7<sup>th</sup>. Funds will be credited towards registration fees for the camp through the Council Service Center, and no checks will be issued to units or individuals.
6. If for any reason you must deviate from this procedure, you must attach a statement of adequate justification to support the deviation.



# Campership Application – Due May 1<sup>st</sup>

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY • ONE FORM PER CAMPERSHIP APPLICANT

A Campership is requested for (only one Scout per Application):

Scout Unit:  PACK  TROOP  CREW # \_\_\_\_\_

Scout's Name \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Scout Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Position \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

If the Scout is an American Indian, the Council may access funds through the Maury Clancy American Indian Campership program. Does the Scout qualify as an American Indian?  YES  NO Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Family Can Pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Camp Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Unit Can Pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Camp \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Chartered Partner Can Pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Camp Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Requested (Up to 50%) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe this applicant's Scouting history.

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Briefly describe the financial situation on which this campership request is based.

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Did the Scout participate in the Popcorn Sale?  YES  NO

Total Amount of Popcorn Sold \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Describe other fundraising opportunities that have been or are being pursued to earn money for camp.

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Scout Leader's Signature

Parent's Signature

Date

**When completed, send this form to:**

Bennett Campership Selection Committee  
Hoosier Trails Council, BSA  
5625 E. State Road 46  
Bloomington, IN 47401

**For Bennett Campership Committee Use:**

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Date Processed \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Awarded \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason \_\_\_\_\_