

Goshen Scout Reservation 2025 Fee Adjustment

In keeping with our commitment to deliver a high-quality camp experience for Scouts and Leaders attending summer camp at the Goshen Scout Reservation, and in response to feedback from the Scouting Community, National Capital Area Council is moving Goshen Scout Reservation to an “all-inclusive” fee structure.

An “All-Inclusive” fee structure means that there are no hidden or additional costs for your Scouts or leaders to attend a GSR Summer Camp beyond the camp registration fee! Previous additional costs for items and programs such as Basketry kits, leather crafts, shotgun ammunition, and the ATV program are now included!

Goshen Scout Reservation will now be a tiered structure, based on the needs and requirements of the program level they support; Cub Scout: Camp Ross, Scouts BSA: Olmsted, Marriott, Bowman, High Adventure: Lenhok’sin High Adventure.

For the upcoming 2025 season, this shift in fees will allow us to increase camp staff salaries and invest in program supplies and camp facilities.

The Cost of Camp for Summer 2025 at the Goshen Scout Reservation will be:

	Cub Scout (Ross)	Scouts BSA (Olmsted, Bowman, Marriott)	Lenhok’sin High Adventure
Youth Early Bird	\$525	\$565	\$625
Youth Regular	\$555	\$595	\$655
Adult Early Bird	\$270	\$300	\$330
Adult Regular	\$310	\$340	\$370

Scouts who are crossing over from Arrow of Light to Scouts BSA will receive the Early Bird Discount, no matter when they register! We want to ensure that the time of their crossover ceremony does not deter an incoming Scouts BSA member from attending camp with their new Troop.

Unit and Camper Deposits

The initial Unit reservation for a GSR Summer Camp is now made through a one time non-refundable \$200 “Unit Deposit.” Units who are sending multiple groups to GSR Camps will only need to make one Unit Deposit (e.g., a Unit sends one group to a Scouts BSA Camp and one group to Lenhok’sin High Adventure). Please contact us for more information if you are considering sending multiple groups to GSR.

Knowing that this price structure represents a change, we are also moving forward with a deposit structure for youth campers. This method has been used to help support Unit Camping Coordinators in making camp accessible and approachable to all families. A deposit represents a commitment, and one we value greatly. In return, our team is best able to be prepared for your

arrival and to focus on service. This \$100 camper deposit will lock in your spot at camp until full payment can be made and allow Scouts BSA youth to register for merit badges and activities earlier.

Free Adults

Units attending Goshen Scout Reservation are permitted free adult leaders based on the number of youth attending. The more youth who attend with your Unit, the more free adults you receive!

1 – 10 Youth: 1 Free Adult 11 – 20 Youth: 2 Free Adults 21 – 30 Youth: 3 Free Adults

And so on...

Transportation Fare

Transportation to the Goshen Scout Reservation via bus will continue to be provided to Units. Tickets will be available for an **additional cost** beginning May 1, 2025.

Important Dates

Date	Event
July 1, 2024	Unit Deposit Phase opens.
November 26, 2024	Camper Deposit Phase opens.
February 15, 2025	Camper Deposits due.
March 1, 2025	Campership applications due. Accepted afterward as funds are available.
March 31, 2025	Merit Badge Sign Ups open at 7:00 pm.
April 15, 2025	Early Bird period ends.
May 1, 2025	Bus Transportation registration opens.
June 1, 2025	Final payments requested by June 1 st to best plan and prepare for your attendance at camp. Accepted a minimum of two weeks before arriving on site.

Thank you for your continued support and your commitment to the Scouting program. We look forward to serving you this summer!

Yours in Scouting,

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Frequently Asked Questions

Why such a significant price increase?

National Capital Area Council is committed to improving the experience for all Scouts, Leaders, and Staff at the Goshen Scout Reservation. After receiving feedback from the Scouting Community, including Units who attended GSR Camps last summer, areas for improvement were identified, including increasing staff salaries and investments in program supplies and camp facilities. Increased registration fees will allow NCAC to act on these areas.

When will the increase take effect?

The increase will be effective for the 2025 Summer Season.

Can you provide more details on how the increase in camp fees will be used?

Increases will be used to increase staff salaries, making them more competitive to attract and retain high quality staff and more of them, expand and update program equipment, such as boats, support additional program opportunities, including a redesigned older scout program, and investment, with attention to deferred maintenance and health and safety.

Will camp fees continue to increase in the future?

Although no decision about future camp fees and increases have been made, the cost of operating our camps increases every year. If an increase is deemed necessary in the future, the National Capital Area Council Executive Board will evaluate the needs and make such decisions during the annual budget approval process.

How does Goshen Scout Reservation compare to other camps?

Compared to other similar camps (overnight / sleep away camps), Goshen Scout Reservation continues to be affordable. When compared with Scouting America camps in the surrounding area, GSR will be in the upper third of the region, however the all-inclusive fee makes the comparison to non-inclusive camps more competitive.

Will camperships funds be available to those in need?

Yes, camperships are available for up to 50% of the cost of camp. Campership applications should be submitted by March 1, 2025, but will continue to be accepted as funds are available.

Campership applications can be found at www.gotogoshen.org/registration.