

Family Hike is BIG \$\$\$ for Scouts

The Hike-A-Thon / Family Hike is a council sponsored fundraiser targeted to the individual to help them raise money for the Scouting activities. The vast majority of the money the Scouts raise is used to pay for summer camp. A Scout with a little effort can easily raise enough money to pay for their entire summer camping fees.

Family Hike Results

- Pledges over one-half million dollars in last five years!
- Actual expenses are about 4 cents per dollar. Expenses include patch, hat, and district expenses.
- In last 5 years ...
Scouts earned enough for:
 - 3,750 Cub Scout Day Camp Fees
 - 3,125 Cub Scout Camp Fees
 - 2,420 Boy Scouts at Hidden Valley or Camp Bell
 - 2,145 Scouts or Crews at Parker Mountain High Adventure Base
 - 7,500 Complete Scout uniforms
 - 75,000 Scout or Cub Handbooks

Family Hike is BIG \$\$\$ for Scouts

Basis of the Program:

Pledges

Scouts collect pledges for participation in the event. Scouts normally collect pledges from family, friends, and people in the community. We recommend that the Scout collect the pledge when the pledge is made and not try to collect the pledges after the event.

- All Scouts with a pledge receives a patch when the unit turns the money into the District.
- 75% of the pledge goes to the Scout for his scouting experience
- 25% of the pledge covers expenses and for Camp Improvements

Family Hike is BIG \$\$\$ for Scouts

Unit Coordinator

As Unit Coordinator, you are responsible for encouraging all the Scouts in your unit to participate. You should become familiar with the details of your District's event to relay to your unit.

- Each Scout should be provided a copy of the Pledge Form, Collection Envelope, and Hiker's Instructions. Have extra forms available for Scouts needing extra forms. If a Scout uses more than one form, please write "1 of 2", "2 of 2" on the top of the form to reduce confusion if the form get separated.
- Collect all the forms and check the totals. Try to collect all pledges before the event.

Family Hike is BIG \$\$\$ for Scouts

At the Event

- Arrive at the event as a unit.
- The Unit coordinator should present all the pledge forms at registration while the Scouts are preparing for the hike. Please keep the number of people at registration to one or two to make the process as fast as possible. While your unit is hiking, the Hike-A-Thon staff will verify the individual forms and create a unit settlement form.
- Two adults should be with the Scouts at all times, on and off the trail. Keep your unit together.
- Ensure the Scouts are dressed for the weather and carry water.
- Have Fun, Sing Songs, and have a good time.
- After the hike, the unit coordinator should return to registration and collect the pledge forms and settlement sheet. Some districts allow units to settle at the event and collect the patches.