

Boy Scout Troop 436 – Scout Account Program

Purpose

No Scout should be left behind because of their family's financial circumstances. Troop 436 has established the *Scout Account Program* to offer Scouts the opportunity to earn money to be used for any Scouting activity and lessen the families financial burden from Scouting. Scout Accounts serve as a means for Scouts to earn their way in Scouting by participating in the Troop's designated Fundraising programs to fund any Scout activity including overnights, summer camp, High Adventure trips, even annual dues!

Individual Youth accounts teach Scouts to be Thrifty as they save for their future in Scouting. Scouts learn personal management, not by lectures, but through life experience. Individual accounts are bookkeeping accounts, not separate bank accounts.

"Paying your own way is a fundamental principal of the BSA. Young people in Scouting are taught early on that if they want something, they need to earn it. The finance plan of any unit should include participation by the Scouts" – BSA

Benefit of Individual Scout Accounts

- Scouts learn self-reliance – success comes from your own hard work
- Encourages greater participation in fundraising activities
- Scouts learn to plan for financial goals such as summer camp
- Scouts learn life skills of personal management through life experience
- Provides opportunities to reduce financial burden on families for any Scout activity such as summer camp and High Adventure trips

Get Started

Each Scout that joins Troop 436 automatically gets a Scout Account and will have at least three opportunities throughout the Scout year to participate in fundraising programs where 100% of the proceeds get credited to their account:

- Mid-September to mid-October – programs vary
- March to mid-April – annual flower sale
- May to mid-June – programs vary

Note all Scouts are required to participate in the Troop's annual Christmas wreath sale which is in addition to the Scout Account Program.

Scout Account funds can be used for any Scouting activity either Troop sponsored or otherwise. Any money left in a Scout Account when he leaves Scouting will revert to the Troop's general fund.