



## DMVC Camp Fees Increasing

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The Del-Mar-Va Council, Boy Scouts of America has worked to keep weekend and summer camp fees as low as possible, but with operating costs rising at record increases, the camp fees will be increased to maintain and continue to improve the programs and facilities that you have grown to love. Weekend camping fees have not changed since 2017, while summer camp fees increased only 3% since 2018.

### The Summer Camp Fees in 2023 will be:

	<b>Henson Scout Reservation</b>	<b>Rodney Scout Reservation</b>
Youth Early Bird	\$555, up \$90 from \$465	\$555, up \$90 from \$465
Youth Regular	\$585, up \$95 from \$490	\$585, up \$95 from \$490
Adults (beyond free adults)	\$200, up \$50 from \$150	\$200, up \$50 from \$150
Site Reservation Fee	\$150, up \$50 from \$100	\$150, up \$50 from \$100

### The Weekend Camp Fees for Akridge Scout Reservation will be as follows:

Type	Facility	Capacity	2017-2021	2022
Pavilion	Octagon Pavilion (per day)	5,000 sq ft w/power and lights	\$75	\$125
Pavilion	Pavilion 1 or 2 (per day)	2,800 sq ft w/power and lights	\$50	\$75
Tent Site	Cypress Island	20, includes canoes	\$75	\$95
Tent Site	Tent Site Only	40 people	\$50	\$65

### The Weekend Camp Fees for Henson Scout Reservation will be as follows:

Facility	Capacity	2017-2021	2022	Facility	Capacity	2017-2021	2022
Longhouse	14	\$125	\$160	Yurt Village	32	\$345	\$430
Indian River Lodge	24	\$295	\$370	Tent Site Only	40	\$50	\$65
Lasher Building	32	\$345	\$430	Tent Site w/Pavilion	40	\$75	\$95
Nanticoke Lodge	24	\$245	\$310				

### The Weekend Camp Fees for Rodney Scout Reservation will be as follows:

Facility	Capacity	2017-2021	2022	Facility	Capacity	2017-2021	2022
Barrett	14	\$95	\$120	Wicomico	24	\$275	\$345
Lone Pine	18	\$95	\$120	Alapocas	24	\$225	\$345
Pioneer Shelters	36	\$95	\$120	Fisherman's	16	\$175	\$220
Windy Point	18	\$95	\$120	Frontier	10	\$135	\$205
Accomac	24	\$225	\$345	Minquas	24	\$275	\$345
Brown	24	\$365	\$455	Susquehannock	10	\$135	\$170
Minsi	24	\$275	\$345	Wilderness	14	\$145	\$235
Pathfinder	16	\$295	\$370	Tent Site Only	40	\$50	\$65
Shawnee	40	\$395	\$495	Tent Site w/Pavilion	40	\$75	\$95

Scout Camping remains a valuable investment. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, when Scouts were forced participate from home, they still learned skills that will benefit them for the rest of their lives. They still helped those in need. They still became leaders in their units and communities. Scout Camping is needed now in America, just as much as it was in 1910.



## Your Questions Answered

### **Why are the fees increasing?**

The camp fees are increasing because the costs associated with operating our camps, including staffing (20%), food (40%), vehicles and gas (65%), program supplies (25%), building maintenance (25%), utilities, and insurance, continue to increase. The organization is not able to subsidize the increased costs as it had in the past.

### **When will this increase take effect?**

The updated weekend camping fees will take effect immediately for all new bookings. The updated summer camp fees will be effective for the 2023 summer season.

### **What will the money be used for?**

The increase in camp fees will help pay for the increasing cost of essential services to better serve our campers, including increasing summer camp wages to attract and retain high quality staff, food, vehicles, program supplies, building maintenance, utilities, and insurance.

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

Increases will be used to keep up with the cost of inflation and the Consumer Price Index, as well as things like competitive camp staff salaries to attract and retain high quality staff and more of them, expand and update program equipment such as motorboats, sailboats, shotguns, pottery kiln, updating cabins, support for additional program opportunities such as welding, eagle required merit badges, expanded weekend programs during second season.

### **What measures has the Del-Mar-Va Council taken to offset its financial challenges?**

The council has continued to make efforts to streamline and simplify the organization, which included reductions in full time staff in 2020 as well as the reorganization of departments. Further, the identification of new sources of revenue through community and foundation gifts as well as serving outside groups. The Council has been able to maintain the weekend camping rates without an increase since 2017 while summer camp fees saw a modest increase of just 3% since 2018.

### **Will camp fees continue to increase in the future?**

Although no decision about future increases has been made, the cost of operating our camps increases every year. Should it be necessary to increase fees in the future, the Del-Mar-Va Council Executive Board has agreed to evaluate the needs and make such decisions, whenever possible, during the annual budget approval process so that decisions can be announced with as much lead time as possible to allow units and families to plan accordingly.

### **How do DMVC fees compare with other camps.**

Compared to YMCA or similar camps we continue to be extremely affordable. When comparing with Scout camps we will continue to be in the upper 1/3 of the region but our all-inclusive fee makes that comparison to camps that charge miscellaneous program fees much more competitive.

### **Will additional campership funds be available for those in need?**

Yes, we are doubling the amount of campership funding that is available to attend DMVC camps in 2023 to prevent funding from being a reason a Scout does not attend.