
INSURANCE FEE INCREASE (EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 2016)

HISTORY

- In 2005, an insurance recovery fee was established in Northern New Jersey Council to recover costs for every unit's health and accident insurance plus provide liability protection insurance for leaders and chartered organizations. In essence this is a "passing through" fee.
- The council reviewed the insurance costs in 2012, but decided not to increase the fee even though there was some recent increases in insurance costs at that time. Many surrounding councils increased their fees in 2012/2013.
- Since 2012, the insurance costs for liability protection provided through the Boy Scouts of America has almost doubled in cost (\$45,000 increase)

Therefore, the current fee of \$5.00 only covers about half of the current insurance costs for the Northern New Jersey Council.

FEE INCREASE IN 2016

- Effective January 1, 2016, the insurance recovery fee for all youth and adults registered in the Northern New Jersey Council will be \$9.00 annually, to be collected at the time of registration or reregistration of an existing unit or district.
- On new youth and adult leader applications, the fee will be prorated depending on the number of months of registration left until the unit recharter. For example, if a new youth member is registering, and it is four months until their unit recharter, the insurance recovery fee would be \$3.00.
- For units that recharter in January 2016 and later, the fee of \$9.00 will be collected at the time of recharter with the membership fees. All of the membership and Boy's Life fees are passed on to the Boy Scouts of America. The insurance recovery fee is the only fee kept by the Northern New Jersey Council to help pay for our insurance costs.
- If you reregister on or before December 2015, the fee increase does not apply. It only applies for January 2016 registrations and beyond.
- If you have difficulty meeting this commitment, please contact the Scout Executive – Steve Gray.. Only the Scout Executive may grant exceptions, per the Executive Board approval of the fee increase on October 22, 2015.