



**BP Service Association**

**Traditional Scouting in Canada**

# FACT SHEET

## How a BPSA Scouting Group is Financed

Annual Registration fees are the amount that each group submits as its share of the national insurance policy along with a small amount to cover administrative costs. To reduce costs and avoid duplication of effort, the BC Council handles the obtaining of insurance for all of the other councils. Each group is free to set its own registration fee to cover local expenses.

The following are methods by which the BPSA is financed:

**A) Youth Section:**

- i) Weekly dues to be paid by each member may be set by the section. These dues are to be used solely within the section. The purpose of the dues is for supplies and activities not available from Program funds and is not held over from year to year.
- ii) The Section administers the dues. Regular, monthly financial reports must be submitted to the Group Council.
- iii) Explorer and Senior Explorer Troops should be encouraged and afforded opportunities to engage in independent fund raising for Jamborees and special activities.

**B) Group:**

- i) It is the responsibility of the Group Auxiliary to obtain sufficient funds to maintain the Group. Maintenance should include provision of camping equipment, training, program and activity supplies, meeting place, and extraordinary expenses occurring from time to time.
- ii) Funds for these purposes must be raised by the combined efforts of the Group Auxiliary, the parents of the youth, and the youth themselves, through projects initiated on a Group (or Sponsor if applicable) basis, within the scope of the provincial bylaws. Some examples are craft and bake sales, bottle drives, paper drives, snow removal service, yard work, and sandbag sales.
- iii) Groups are not allowed to issue any form of general public appeal for funds.
- iv) Funds raised by the Group Auxiliary are administered by that Auxiliary.

**C) District Council:**

The District Council can set a per group or per member fee to cover District expenses, and it can charge a fee for camps or other District activities.

**D) Provincial Council:**

- i) Registration fees.
- ii) Projects initiated on a Provincial basis such as Wolforees or Camporees.
- iii) Sundry bequests, grants and donations.

There are no Provincial or National fundraising campaigns on which groups must participate. All monies raised by a Group remain with the Group for use in funding its operations.

The BP Service Association is a Registered Charitable Organization that can issue tax receipts for charitable donations that meet the criteria established by the Canada Revenue Agency.

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