



## The Dollars and Cents of Girl Scouts

Below are some of the costs involved with being a Girl Scout. However, Girl Scout participation is NOT to be a strain on a family budget. Financial assistance is available. Please see the troop/group leader for an application and details. Information is kept strictly confidential.

### NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DUES "\$"

To become a member of Girl Scouts, girls and adults complete a registration form and submit the \$12 membership fee. The money goes directly to our national organization, Girl Scouts of USA (GSUSA), which is headquartered in New York City. It pays for basic accident and liability insurance and supports the operations of GSUSA.

### TROOP/GROUP DUES "\$"

Troop/Group dues are payable at each meeting or monthly or biyearly, depending on the organization of the troop. Dues help pay for minor troop/group expenses, supplies and other materials, activities, outings, and other troop/group needs.

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### FAMILY PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTION

Each year, Girl Scout families are asked to contribute financially to Girl Scouts – Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas (GSDAOT). This donation may be any amount and is tax deductible. It helps to support GSDAOT financial assistance, program services property maintenance and operating expenses. No matter the size of the gift, every dollar stays at GSDAOT to benefit the girls in Girl Scouts-Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

### ACTIVITY COSTS "\$"

As part of their program, troops/groups may attend special events and go on field trips. Troops/groups raise funds through the Fall Product Sale, Cookie Sale and other Council-approved fund raisers to support these activities. Sometimes; however, parents/guardians, troop/group committee members, or other supportive adults are asked to pay all or part of an activity cost.

### UNIFORMS AND HANDBOOKS "\$"

Uniforms, badge/patches, handbooks, Journey books are not required; however, a sash or vest is recommended to hold badges, patches, pins and insignia.