

Topic: Decline in Membership

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Why is membership dropping? View the latest release from Statistics Canada stating that more families are single-parent, and more families are from non-traditional (immigration based) Scouting backgrounds. Scouting needs to make itself more attractive to these new families to Canada and open up these new markets. What's your view?

Scouter Donald [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



Dropping membership

Posted 10-26-2002 04:02

I agree that Scouts Canada needs to open up on these markets and can do so by Lowering registration so that they are more affordable to single parents, imigrants, and lower income families.

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Posted 12-1-2002 05:36

Membership cost needs to be lowered to a more affordable price. Most families have more than one child that would like to join in the Scouting program. Add to that the cost if the parents wish to volunteer also. The new rules and regulations are also killing the program.

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Posted 12-10-2002 02:47

Our district, excuse me . . . our area took a big hit in membership this year.

What really made it worst was the loss of leaders that couldn't be replaced. Several groups, including mine, closed sections because we couldn't recruit leaders.

Only half of our dozen or so groups have Beaver colonies. That's really going to hurt us in the next couple years.

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declining membership

Posted 12-17-2002 20:54

Here's what Scouts Canada needs to do stop paying staff and charge a per group fee. Optimist clubs are going group fees it will still allow the group to charge a per member fee but will eliminate the high cost to new and stuggling groups.

By eliminating staff our region could be investing over 200,000 per year to the local groups theres alot of money being stolen from the youth that scouts canada continues to hurt by there unthought demands.

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decline in scout membership

Posted 3-18-2003 04:52

Has anyone noticed that since scouting became co-ed the membership is declining. Boys in general want to be boys and do not need the girls joining in these ventures. Let them be girl guides.

Scouter C [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



membership costs

Posted 3-19-2003 00:17

I think costs are becoming a major barrier, both registration costs and costs for camps and stuff.

I'm a scout leader, and our camps usually cost no more than 10 per kid (this is the cost, not what we charge them). we always have plenty of decent food, not hotdogs but not really fancy stuff either. We always have a blast at our camps. Even when we rent a cabin for winter camping, it only costs just under 12 dollars per kid.

The parents of new Cubs coming up were very pleasantly surprised, they said the Cub leaders never charged less than 30 per kid for a weekend camp, even when they just camped in tents. I checked this out further, it turns out that after the kids had been put to bed, the leaders always had a steak BBQ with all the trimmings, courtesy of the kids' fees.

Makes you wonder, huh?

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Membership

Posted 4-14-2003 03:02

I ran a pack section for ten years before we lost the use of our hall. Now I am running a colony at another group. We have not seen the decline that other groups have, probably because we have an active and ongoing program. Yes, the membership fees are too high, and it has cost us over the years, but we are still a lot cheaper than hockey, and we run a lot longer. Having girls in our group has mixed blessings, but nothing has driven the boys away from our door. Our group committee meetings are started promptly, run efficiently and kept in order. Our parents are supportive in most cases, but I run the section for the benefit of the youth, not the parents, nor the leaders. Our leaders enjoy each other's company, and we are good friends. The youth know this, and see that we get along. At the swim up in September we swam 11 white tails up to the pack. We will swim up 7 more next September. If all our other Beavers return, we will have room for 9 new members. If your membership is dropping, I would suggest you look at your program first, then your leadership team. Blaming outside factors is a copout. Remember the movie "Field of Dreams"? If you build it, they will come.

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decline in membership?

Posted 5-24-2003 17:17

I am a mom trying to find out how to sign my child up in the scouts. I have just spent 1/2 hour surfing this web site and have found absolutely no information for sign ups!

I tried last year as well. I was supplied a number of a leader and left messages galore (it was long distance too) with no reply.

I find it extremely ironic that there are complaints in the declining of memberships when the scouts make it nearly impossible to get in!

What should I do now?

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Call 1-888-SCOUTS-NOW for scouts canada, or <http://www.bpsa-bc.org/intro.htm> for the BPSA

Rob [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



B-PSA

Posted 9-19-2003 14:11

Why is SC membership dropping.

1. too expensive
2. SC does not care about the kids but rather about their salaried jobs. SC officials just don't give 2 toots about the kids. Only thing that matters is keeping their jobs.
3. SC program is too easy and not challenging todays youth.
4. there are better, less expensive opions like BPSA out there. They treat the kids better and teach them more for less money!!!!
5. mandatory POPCORN AND HOT CHOCOLATE sales forcing members away.
6. Did I mention that SC officials just don't care!

Do yourself a favour and join BPSA. An association that cares about it's program and puts your kids first!!!

Rob

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Posted 9-20-2003 01:30

I am mortified,i was under the impression that this was available to everyone. But with the outrageous cost it has, i believe, become an elite boys club. As a mother of two beaver age boys we cannot afford two hundred dollars for them to join although they want to. Especially when the only outing their group has is one trip to the local firehall, and one overnight campout in the spring.

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cost skyrocketing

Posted 9-20-2003 06:46

You are lucky, here in Hamilton the cost of registration has gone up to a whopping \$129.00. Yup you guessed it, our turn out on registration night was terrible. And just think in a month or so we will ask them to sell the over priced pop corn. My son hated selling the pop corn. When I asked him why he said it was embarassing because it was so expensive!

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Me, I am 21.
I have been in the same group since being a first-year beaver.
I am a troop scouter and a rover this year, and I am going to the woodbadgell training this year to get my beads for scouts.
I already have my woodbadgel for both cubs and scouts.
I am planning on getting my partll for cubs next year.
I go to district (area soon) meetings, and region (council soon) roundtables.
I get involved.

There are a number of other leaders who also do this, but not enough.
Last year, 2 leaders in my district retired after 20+ years as a leader each.
That's awesome that they've stuck it through that long, but there aren't enough people coming in who are committed enough to put on these awesome programs.

I have been through quite a number of bad leaders, both as a scout, and as a young leader, but I stuck it through.
I have seen many youth quit because of leaders.
Either the leaders were bad, or the program they put on was mediocre.
Some people who could be great leaders are quitting because of the way scouts canada is headed.
National's direction is dictated too much by the insurance companies, while it should be dictated by what is best for the kids.

People need to quit worrying about liabilities, and this goes further than just people in scouting.
There is not much that is fun that is completely 100% safe.
Yes, there are limits, but the limits today are too stringent.

I am going to stick it through this, and for a long time to come.
I am not a great leader yet, but I will be one day.
I do not put on an awesome program yet, but I will one day.
Right now, I do my absolute best to put on 7 camps a year.

All the other excuses for membership drops are excuses from people looking for a scapegoat.
They're trying to pin the problem on something else, something that they can't do anything about.
You need to learn to accept responsibility!
Do something about membership problems!

MAKE THE YOUTH WANT TO JOIN!

YiS,
Scouter Wright

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bottom line, it's the cost, i am a single parent and i fully beleive in extra curricular activities but the rising cost of memberships and camp fee's is becoming too overwhelming for me, and thats not just the boy scouts it's everything, i have to work part time on top of my full time just to pay for these activities, we need more fund raisers to raise the money to offset these costs.

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scout house does little or nothing to justify the registration fees it charges. the campsite fees are beyond a joke, as is the state of most of the campsites I have visited. It seems that the whole organization is mismanaged from top to bottom, for the benefit of a few salaried employees with contracts to supply Scouts Canada with services or goods. What happened to putting the kids first? I and my colleagues work hard and run an awesome program, ignoring Scout House as much as possible.