

Troop 185 Dues Information

In an effort to inform families on the actual costs of membership in Troop 185, the Troop leadership has put the following information together to share at the June Court of Honor.

For the 2018 – 2019 Scout season, the Troop dues will be the same as last year. We have instituted tiered dues levels.

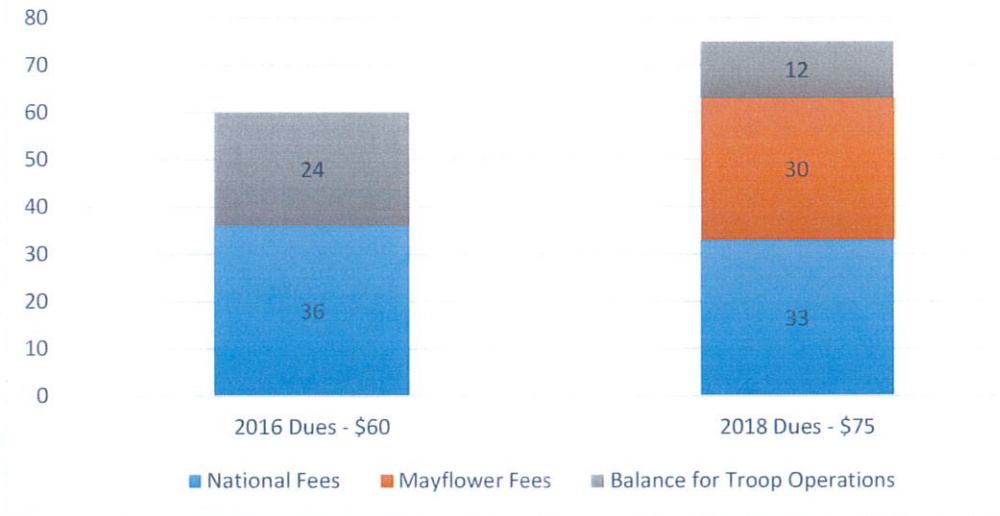
\$75 - Member (minimum)

\$85 - Supporter (suggested)

\$100 - Silver Supporter (highly appreciated)

In 2018 the National registration fee is increasing \$9 to \$33 per Scout & adult Leader. For the Troop this is a \$800 increase.

Troop Dues Comparison 2018 vs. 2019



- Most of the cost of running the Troop is actually funded via our annual Wreath & Tree Sales. Parents are strongly encouraged to support these fundraisers and encourage your son to put his best effort forward in selling wreaths as well as attending the weekend Tree Sale which the Troop considers mandatory. If we are not successful in this endeavor the Troop dues would be over \$250 a Scout. A Scout should help pay his own way – this is a way to do it.
- Each Scout is provided with a Boy Scout Handbook, Neckerchief and slide, uniform patches, name tag, and Troop T-Shirt (new ones are on order).
- The Troop has a large inventory of tents, stoves, backpacks, lanterns and other equipment that the Scouts are able to use at no cost.
- Badges and supplies for the Courts cost an average of \$4,500 annually, (a higher than normal number of Eagle Scouts drives this up.)
- The cost of most trips is at breakeven, but many are subsidized in terms of propane, charcoal, equipment, and other costs.
- The Troop pays for scouts to attend National Youth Leadership Training and Adult leaders to attend Woodbadge.
- The Troop often provides camperships for camp, camping trips and high adventure – so that no Scout should be denied the experiences of Scouting due to financial reasons.
- In 2018 the fees we paid to the National office were over \$6000.