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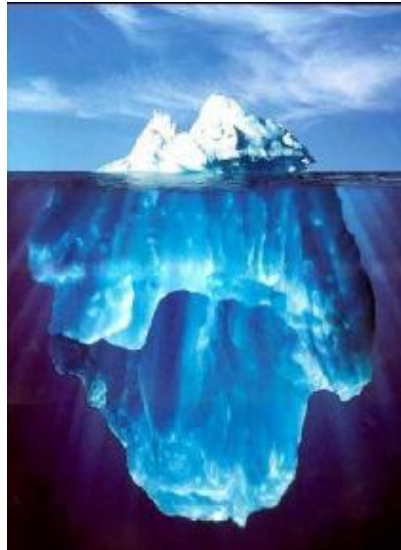
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Appearance is not always reality; such is the case with the cost of bringing the Scouting program to your family.

The True Cost of Scouting – The Iceberg Analogy

When you see an iceberg, what you see above the waterline is only a small part of the entire iceberg. The same holds true for the cost of providing the Scouting program to your family. The visible portion above the waterline represents the costs that you are familiar with; including books, uniforms, Boy's Life magazine, camping equipment, registration and activity fees, etc. What remains unseen to most observers is the bulk of the iceberg below the waterline. This larger portion of the iceberg represents the significant costs of the program provided by the Chickasaw Council.



Benefits and services provided by the Chickasaw Council

Camp Currier and Kia Kima Scout Reservation – Cabins, vehicles, canoes, kayaks, boats, docks, swimming areas, pavilions, dining halls, Adirondack shelters, cope course, rifle and archery ranges, climbing tower, chapel, trading posts, bath houses, latrines, as well as equipment replacement and repair

Camp Rangers – Salary and benefits for those who keep our beautiful camps up to national standards

Summer Camp Staff – Salaries for paid summer camp staff members who provide an outstanding program

Camperships and Training Scholarships – Financial support for Scouts and volunteers

Volunteer Training – For thousands of volunteers at district training events, the University of Scouting, Wood Badge, and Pow Wow

Special Programs – For at risk and special needs youth in our community

Recognition – For leaders who attend training, volunteer for special projects, and help out in many roles throughout the Scouting program

Dunavant Scout Service Center – Utilities, insurance, maintenance, and repairs for the Chickasaw Council headquarters

Professional Staff – Salary and benefits for our full-time staff, who work with volunteers to organize new Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, and Venture Crews, orchestrate the delivery of a quality Scouting program to each unit, manage fund raising, conduct trainings, work with membership recruitment, and provide guidance, counseling, and advice for each district

Administrative Staff – Salary and benefits for those who provide support to the professional staff and volunteers

Insurance – General liability and unit accident insurance to protect our volunteers, youth, staff, and property

Charter Fees – For every Scout youth, leader, and unit

Administrative Needs – Postage, computers, link to BSA's national computer system, copy machines, folding machines, outside printing, etc.

Audio Visual Equipment and Supplies – Used in training, camp promotion, and Scout activities

Reference Publications and Resources – For professional staff, administrative staff, and volunteer use

Orienteer Newsletter – To keep volunteers informed about Scouting

Program Calendar - For planning support to all units and volunteer leaders

Council Website – Convenient and cost effective way to communicate with everyone involved; professionals, volunteers, parents, and Scouts