

AGENDA	<b>Brooklyn Scout Group Committee Meeting Weds 20 February</b>
PURPOSE	<b>For discussion and decision</b>
TO	<b>Brooklyn Scout Group Committee</b>
FROM	<b>Scout Leaders (author: Denise Church)</b>
DATE	<b>11 February 2013</b>
SUBJECT	<b>Proposed approach and funding for Scout Jamboree 2013</b>

Recommendations:

- 1) That Committee agrees that Scout Jamboree 2013 should be the major focus for youth activity related Group fundraising for 2013 (alongside capital fundraising for hall refurbishment)
- 2) That Committee agrees that our aim should be to get every eligible Scout to Jamboree with Group fundraising covering at least 80% of Scout costs and leader costs (noting that youth will pay an estimated \$150 in deposits).
- 3) That Committee endorses an overall fundraising target of \$15,000, based on the rough order of costs and attendance numbers set out in the following
- 4) That Committee agrees that each youth attending and their family should be expected to personally contribute to the Group fundraising effort;
- 5) That Committee agrees that proceeds of fundraising should be allocated to cover youth costs on a proportional basis to achievement of a target level of 40 hours fundraising effort per youth.
- 6) That Committee agrees what proportion of 2013 Stadium funds should in principle be available for Jamboree purposes
- 7) That Committee agrees that leader costs of \$2100, which is sufficient to fully fund three line leaders, be covered as a first call on the allocated portion of whole group fundraising (Stadium); noting that leaders can choose to fully or partly self fund if they wish.
- 8) That Committee request the fundraising/ grants leader to investigate and recommend options for grants applications to cover Jamboree related expenditures.
- 9) That Committee agree in principle that the Chairperson and Group Leader should be able to apply the agreed welfare policy, to a total level of up to \$900 for the purposes of enabling scouts in special circumstances to attend Jamboree if those Scouts face a significant gap between fundraising and total costs.
- 10) That parent volunteers be sought to coordinate and lead practical fundraising activities such as Stadium (with oversight from Gavin), BBQs, carwash, firewood and others.

Note: for the purposes of this discussion, it is suggested that we stay with the rough order of costs outlined, rather than seeking fine tuning of the detailed costs.

This proposal is coming to Committee because there are wider issues of fundraising targets, priority to be given by the group to Jamboree attendance, and proposed allocation of Stadium raised funds.

While most Scout activities run on a "self funded" basis, this proposal suggests that Jamboree is an experience that the whole Group should support.

The logistics of practical jamboree attendance, confirmation of leaders etc will be done in the usual way led by Group Leader with Section Leaders.

### Attendance

Attendance at Scout Jamboree should be a highlight experience available to all Scouts at least once in their Scouting career. Attendance can be made accessible for all by a strong fundraising effort throughout 2013, and possibly by grant applications.

Youth will need to meet the attendance criteria set for the Jamboree (10 nights camping, Bronze badge achievement) and this will be overseen by Section Leaders and Group Leader. This means that Scout Section activities in 2013 will focus on equipping all Scouts, including Patrol Leaders, with the skills and experience they will need to make the most of Jamboree. This should not require any special call on Group funds, as preparation activities will be self funding in the usual ways.

Arrangements for Jamboree 2013 introduce much greater emphasis on self responsibility for Scouts, and the Patrol system. Only six leaders are required for each troop of 36 youth.

Therefore, it is likely that we will only be able to offer/ claim three troop leader positions. This proposal makes a working assumption that up to three other adults, and one venturer, (or 2/2) will volunteer for other onsite Jamboree roles. This does not preclude other leaders/ adults attending on a self funding basis.

If funds are limited, then we could decide to fund only three line leaders to attend jamboree.

### Fundraising targets and approaches

A decision needs to be taken on what share of Stadium fundraising goes to the Jamboree purpose.

#### *Leader costs:*

It has been the practice in past Jamborees for Brooklyn Group, via fundraising, to substantially cover the costs of leaders attending the Jamboree. This proposal recommends that we aim to fund 80% of leader costs, given that leaders give up significant amounts of leave/ holiday to make Jamboree possible for the youth attendees.

The first fundraising priority (call on Stadium funds) is to cover enough for the three line leaders required to oversee the Troop at jamboree.

We may need to take a hard call on how many leaders/ venturers we can afford to support via fundraising since (strictly speaking) only three will be required to run the troop.

#### *Youth costs and contribution*

Youth will need to meet \$150 for deposits. It is proposed that we aim to meet all youth costs

above this deposit via fundraising – amounting to a target of approximately 80%.

We propose that as in past years, we follow the broad principle that fundraising proceeds are apportioned according to levels of effort. Every scout should be expected to put in a genuine effort on activities that are suitable for them and that make a reasonable return.

However, participation in fundraising opportunities may not be equally available to all. Stadium fundraising is now our highest value (best return per hour) effort, and this generally needs to be carried out by adults and senior scouts.

This proposal suggests that EVERY Jamboree scout has a target of 40 hours fundraising service to be completed by mid December 2013. All scouts achieving the 40 hours would receive the “full share” of fundraising proceeds. Those achieving less than 40 hours would receive a proportionate share.

We need to seek parent volunteers to co-ordinate and lead fundraising, including Stadium; while patrol leaders work with Scouts to identify a selected range of fundraising activities – eg sausage sizzle, carwash - which can be led by the scouts themselves with limited parent involvement. We need to ensure that Scouts focus on activities that bring in a reasonable dollar return.

Grants may or may not be available for Jamboree attendance. A first assessment of grant opportunities need to be made by the fundraising/grants co-ordinators, with firm proposals coming to Committee asap.

Scouts and family circumstances are all different; and there may be a need for application of the hardship policy (already agreed) to enable some Scouts to attend.

## Attachment 1: Costs of Brooklyn Group attendance at Jamboree

For planning purposes, assume 15 youth, 3 line leaders, 3 leaders/adults in staff or project roles, 1 venturer in support role (or 2 leaders/adults, 2 venturers).

See below for national costs. In addition to this, Brooklyn Group will face a share of costs for transport, marquee hire, jamboree T shirts and hats – total rounded to \$1000 per scout.

Estimated rough order total costs as follows

	Number attending	National fee per person	Total cost per person	Total	Fundraising target 80%
Scouts	15	\$720	\$1,000	\$15,000	\$12,000
Line leaders	3	\$690	\$850	\$2,550	\$2,040
On site staff	4	\$395	\$500	\$2,000	\$1,600
			TOTAL	\$19,550	\$15,640

### **Fundraising costs target**

The fees for the Jamboree are as follows:

- Scouts attending the jamboree in jamboree troops \$720
- Leaders with jamboree troops \$690
- On-site staff (including YST, Host Corp members & on-site Venturer Project teams) \$395
- Off-site staff (including off-site Venturer project teams) \$95

For funding / grant application purposes, the breakdown for the youth fee of \$720 is –

Programme & activities \$210  
Catering \$189  
Site hire & development \$139  
Management \$168  
Health & safety \$14  
Total \$720