The “True” Cost of Scouting
“The Iceberg Analogy”

What you see above the water is only about 20% of what Scouting provides to our members.

But there is a whole lot more below the waterline!

Program
Planning and coordination for camping, camporees, OA, Klondikes, PW derby, etc

Volunteer and Staff Training
Formal and informal training for 1,000s of volunteer leaders every year. Roundtables, & Pow Wow.

Insurance Coverage
To protect our volunteers, staff members, and property.

Support Staff
For registration, recording advancement, typing publications, and program support.

Reference Publications and Resources
Everything from program planning kits and planning calendars to camping guides.

Administrative Needs
Computers and link-up to the National Computer System, copy machine and other office equipment. Email service to provide up-to-date information. Legal support. Coordinate with National Council on policies and procedures for safe programing, etc

Camp Equipment
Tents, cooking equipment, camp vehicles, building repairs, canoes, equipment replacement and repair, and upkeep of your council camps.

Recognitions
For leaders who attend training, volunteer for special projects and help out in many roles throughout Scouting.

Professional Staff
Our full-time staff who work with volunteers to organize new units, manage fund-raising programs, conduct trainings, work with membership recruitment, provide counseling and advice for your unit and district, our camps, and programs.

Friendly Camp Caretakers
To keep our beautiful camps up-to-date and ready for our Scouts.

Camp Promotion
For Moses Scout Reservation, Boy Scout Resident Camp, Cub Scout Resident Camp, and Cub Day Camps.

Service Centers
Utilities, insurance, repairs and care for your headquarters. Stock, staff, and operate two Scout trading posts for your convenience.

Charter Fees
For every Scouting youth, leader, and unit.

Audio Visual Supplies
Used in training, camp support.

Postage
Mailings to leaders, parents, and youth members.

Council Newsletter
The “Compass,” the newsletter, so you know what is going on in Scouting.

Council Website
Go online to learn more about your council and its programs

Unit Program Calendar
Many other items provided to help you plan your weekly program.

The majority of costs of the Scouting program, like running our camps, record keeping, materials, training programs, support staff and insurance, are hidden beneath the surface, just like an iceberg. The 80 percent that isn’t visible is what keeps the rest afloat. Help keep Scouting afloat!