



# The Costs in Scouting

There are different types of costs in Scouting. Parents often ask “What does it cost to start up?” “What are costs through the year?” These two pages answer these questions for the 2023-2024 Scouting year (Sept 1 to Aug 31), and for the 2024 Registration Year, for which early registration starts in fall, 2023.

The costs to join the 24<sup>th</sup> Kitchener Scouting Group are shown in the table to the right.

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| Scouts Canada Reg. Fee (per youth)   | early reg. → before Jan 1, 2023-2024 – \$230<br>regular → Jan 1 to Dec 31 – \$230<br>Done online at <a href="http://www.MyScouts.ca">www.MyScouts.ca</a> | \$230    |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> Kitchener Group’s Family Fee (per family)   |  | \$50     |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> Kitchener Section Dues (per Beaver, Cub, Scout, Venturer)   |  | \$40     |
| Registration Total :   |  | \$320.00 |
| Uniform (costs vary – note that 24 <sup>th</sup> Kitchener supplies neckers, woggles, insignia, tails, badges at ceremonies) |  | \$40     |
| Approximate Total Cost to Start-up   |  | \$360.00 |

As the year progresses, some activities have additional costs. Those amounts are paid when signing up to participate in the event. Costs vary depending on what is planned and could range from \$5 to \$50 or more. There is a bit more explanation about this on Page 2, however know that exact costs for an event are communicated as soon as possible to the families so they can consider signing up.

Scouts Canada and the 24<sup>th</sup> Kitchener Scouting Family believe that no youth should miss the opportunity to have fun in Scouting because of financial constraints. There are multiple ways to ease financial challenges, from using postdated cheques to finding support money:

- Scouts Canada has a *No One Left Behind* program <http://www.scouts.ca/programs/no-one-left-behind.html>
- Canadian Tire has a *Jumpstart* program <http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/content/microsites/jumpstart/en/apply.html>
- participating in 24<sup>th</sup> Kitchener fundraising activities also assists families (more details on this in the next paragraph).

Unique to our group, is the 24<sup>th</sup> Kitchener’s *Scouting Activities Support Trusts*, (SAST) - a tool by which, through participation in our fundraising events, participants can earn credits that are tracked by family. These credits can support paying for Scouting costs (i.e. towards Jamborees, registration, uniforms, camp weekends etc.). You can find out more about SAST by e-mailing [SAST@24th.ca](mailto:SAST@24th.ca).

We hope this has helped explain Scouting Costs. After looking at Page 2 you may still have questions. What to talk more? Contact our Commissioner [Commissioner@24th.ca](mailto:Commissioner@24th.ca), our Registrar [Registrar@24th.ca](mailto:Registrar@24th.ca), or our Treasurer [Treasurer@24th.ca](mailto:Treasurer@24th.ca) .

You are welcome to browse our website at [www.24th.ca](http://www.24th.ca) .

Yours in Scouting (YiS)

The 24<sup>th</sup> Kitchener Group Committee



## Scouting Costs Explained:

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| 1) Registration                          | Scouts Canada                      | This fee pays for Scouts Canada staff, buys insurance and pays for national programme development and training materials to keep our Scouters up to date.   | \$230 |
| 2) 24 <sup>th</sup> Kitchener Family Fee | 24 <sup>th</sup> Kitchener         | The fee is due once per family per year. Several years ago, in response to families asking for less fundraising activities, the family fee was initiated. It reduces the number of fundraising campaigns our group uses. Currently we only raise funds through Popcorn, Apple Day and Christmas Trees. We do not use additional methods such as chocolate bars, magazines, shopping cards etc.  | \$50  |
| 3) Dues                                  | 24 <sup>th</sup> Kitchener         | Dues pay for badges, crests, craft material, snacks, prizes, etc. This money is collected once a year. Currently dues are \$40 for youth in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Venturers and Rovers determine their own dues amount.   | \$40  |
| 4) Uniform                               |                                    | Costs range from \$39 - \$52. Please check with your Scouter about what pieces to buy online. Families sometime offer uniforms to the group after their child progresses to the next level – please ask.  | \$40  |
| 5) Incidental                            |                                    |   | \$0   |
|  | a. Hikes, Halls & Stations         | There is no additional cost to hike around the neighbourhood, visit a public park or tour the fire hall or police station.  | \$0   |
|  | b. Visits to paid attractions      | If a trip is planned to a place like the Butterfly Museum or the Heritage Airplane Museum in Hamilton, there are additional costs such as entrance fees and perhaps special program fees.   | \$?   |
|  | c. Cookouts, Event parties & Camps | Costs vary... an outing to Camp Mohawk (in Kitchener) for games and a hot dog and marshmallow roast, may have a small cost towards food. Event parties and weekend camps have more expenses such as renting the facilities, buying food and program supplies. Often these bigger cost occasions are subsidised through our fundraising, and the remainder of the cost is paid by the attendees. Costs might range from \$5 to \$50 or more. | \$?   |
|  | d. Equipment                       | Advancement through Scouting will mean gathering equipment along the way: water bottle, flashlight, sleeping bag, knapsack, knife etc.  | \$?   |

