

Approved by Trustee Board: 14th October 2025

Date of next review: October 2027

This aims to make sure that charging for events and camps outside of ordinary Scouting evenings is applied consistently and fairly. The aim is to ensure parents and carers are clear about what is expected and the Group does not lose money unnecessarily, in accordance with charity law.

Subs

The group charges Subs of £15.50 a month per child. This covers ordinary weekly meeting activities, badges, capitation and general group running costs such as insurance, equipment and bills. No child may be a member of the group without the payment of subs. However, see below for circumstances where financial support is available.

Payment methods

We collect money using OSM (Online Scout Manager) for both subs and event/camp payments. This allows parents to pay by bank card and for us to have visibility of who has paid and who has not.

Events/camps

These are charged separately. They are not compulsory.

Signing up a child to an event or camp is a commitment to pay the full amount.

Deposits

Some larger events require a deposit to secure a place and then further payments to reach the total. Deposits are usually non-refundable if a child is withdrawn by the parents/carers. If the event is cancelled by us the parents/carers will usually receive their deposit back.

Withdrawals within a month of the event

If a child is withdrawn from an event within one month then the full cost remains payable by the parents/carers. This is because by that point we have already committed money and cannot recoup the costs. We will always try our best to recoup some costs and refund in cases of e.g. illness but this is often not possible.

Withdrawals more than a month before the event

The GSL will use his discretion to refund as much as is possible. Depending on the camp/event this may be zero. Some events are not run by us but by District/County so it depends on their refund policy for that particular event.

Non-payment before the event

Children whose parents/carers have not paid for an event/camp in full before the event will not be allowed to go.

Financial support

We do not want anyone to be excluded from Scouting because they cannot afford it. Please speak in confidence to one of your leaders or to the GSL because we can offer financial support in the form of discounts where this is needed. This also applies to camps and events that your child might be interested in. We run a second-hand uniform shop too.

Questions

Please contact Fred Thomas, GSL gsl@5hhscouts.org