**Leader expenses**

**FINANCIAL**

Pack budget covers the costs of leader registration, charter renewal, and needed training. Council/District funds cover the cost of leader knots/awards.

Leader is asked to purchase and wear a BSA leader uniform shirt with insignia (455, crest, Council patch, leader patch). Costs varies depending on size and if purchased new, but should not exceed $60.

Materials needed for your role should be covered by the pack budget or donor resources. Bring your needs to the parent meeting to find out if there is funding or a resource already or to propose it being added.

**TIME**

Leader Positions vary greatly, but no individual is expected to commit more than an average of twelve hours per month to the pack for their specific leadership role. If your role consistently exceeds the hours you can commit, please work with your den and the pack to share responsibilities. It is expected that leaders will share tasks with other parents to keep everyone involved and share the load. For instance, each parent in a den should host a den meeting.

Keep perspective! It is easy to get excited about scouting and spend an entire day researching how to do an activity. Do your best means keeping your priorities straight and setting a good example for your son. Plan, be prepared, but don’t get obsessed.

REMEMBER TO KEEP SCOUTING FUN!

**Leader Expectations**

MY ROLE:

My responsibilities:

**Leader Training requirements**

Register a login at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org) for tracking training. Once your BSA Adult Application has been processed you will have a BSA ID # assigned. Training is available online as well as in-person throughout the year.

**Youth Protection Training**: New leaders are required to take Youth Protection Training within 30 days of registering and before volunteer service with youth begins. *Youth Protection Training must be completed every two years to remain current.*

**Fast Start Training:** An orientation training for your volunteer position you can take to get you started before Position-Specific is available.

**Leader Position-Specific Training**: The main course necessary to be considered “trained” for your Scouting position. See the training page of Scouting.org for “What Makes a Trained Leader.” Please Note: The instructor-led version of Position-Specific is the preferred method of training in the BSA. Self-Study such as these e-learning courses are only for those who cannot otherwise attend a training course.

**Supplemental Training:** The training beyond “the basics” to learn more about a particular skill or program. Check with your local council and view the training page of Scourting.org for additional opportunities

**In-coming Leader CHECKLIST**

* Volunteer!
* Complete the BSA Adult Application to join Unit 9455.
* Take Fast Start Orientation Training at [www.myscout.org](http://www.myscout.org)
* Take Youth Protection Training at [www.myscout.org](http://www.myscout.org)
* Work with your predecessor or mentor to learn about your role as well as to get leader handbook and/or materials.
* Purchase a Scout Shirt and blue shoulder loops from a Scout Shop or the Uniform Exchange program.
* Purchase uniform insignia from the Advancement Coordinator.
* Finish training and share proof of completion with the Pack Training Coordinator.
* Start participating in parent meetings if you aren’t already.
* Do your best!

### Uniform Exchange

The Uniform Exchange program is where Scouts and Scout Leaders can get experienced (used) Scout uniforms for a nominal cost. It’s also a great way to pass on your uniforms (donations) to Scouts that are in need of a Scout uniform. All Scout shirts, pants, shorts, neckerchief, socks, patches, and more are welcome.

The exchange takes place every 2nd and 3rd Thursday of the month, from 7:00 - 8:30 PM, at Mount Carmel Lutheran Church in St. Anthony (1701 St. Anthony Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55418). Please contact the Jason Zienty at 763-231-7235 with questions..

### Local Scout Shops

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Burnsville Scout Shop -** 952-892-0206 | | | | | | | |
| 14250 Plymouth Avenue S - Burnsville MN 55337 | | | |  | | | |
| **Minneapolis Scout Shop -** Phone: 763-545-9459 | Fax: 763-545-2732 | | | | |
| 5300 Glenwood Avenue - Minneapolis MN 55422 |  | | | |
| **Saint Paul Scout Shop -** 651-224-4175 | Fax: 651-254-9113 | | | | | |
| 393 Marshall Avenue - Saint Paul MN 55102 | |  | | | |
| **Twin Cities Scout Shop -** 763-786-3090 | | | | | | |
| 2218 Old County Highway 10 - Mounds View MN 55112 *(Access gained via County H)* | | |  | | | |

**ANNUAL DEN LEADER CHECKLIST**

* Renew your training, if needed, at [www.myscout.org](http://www.myscout.org)
* Review your Cub Scout Den & Pack Meeting Resource Guide.
* Have Den Scouts and Parents sign the Behavior Agreement at your first meeting of the year. File in your den binder.
* Update Den Roster in your binder and in Pack Master. Notify Membership Chair of drops. Email [p455.redpine@gmail.com](mailto:p455.redpine@gmail.com) updates.
* Get updated Akela Surveys and Health Forms from each scout and family member. Encourage everyone to save electronic copies.
* Complete Den Year Plan with Den. Submit before end of October.
* Get all your parents to commit to help:
  + Every family can host a den meeting (at home, park, library, or ELC)
  + Find at least 1-2 families to participate in each pack event (Trunk or Treat, Operation Christmas Child, Bell Ringing, Caroling, Scout Sunday, Eagan Flower Sale, Independence Day Service)
  + Encourage all families to participate at one or more pack camps and consider helping with an activity.
  + Encourage all families to participate in the BIG FOUR—Blue & Gold, Pinewood Derby, Scouting for Food, and Graduation.
  + Find a parent to volunteer as an event liaison for your den—Fundraising, Friends of Scouting, Pinewood Derby, Scouting for Food—and attend parent meetings around those times.
  + Find a parent to do your den’s PackMaster data entry.
* Do your best!