

Boy Scout Troop 2970

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SCOUT ACCOUNT

AND OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- ◆ [Check Scout Account Balance](#) – Sends an email to the Treasurer to get a current statement.
NOTE: If you owe money you may not be able to register for an upcoming event.
- ◆ [Add Money to Scout Account](#) – Click this link to pay by credit card or e-check.
Or mail or drop off a check to Treasurer Audrey Wittenburg, 21457 Chickacoan Trail Drive, Broadlands, VA 20148, 703-975-5626. NOTE: If you give a check to someone else, the Troop can't recognize it as "received" until that person remembers to get it to the Treasurer. It's best to follow the preferred methods described above!

About Scout Accounts: Troop scout accounts enable scouts to easily sign up for events and activities. It is a good idea to keep in the account the amount you expect to use in the coming months. You can also keep a zero balance by paying each time you sign up for something. After you sign up, you'll get a statement or invoice that shows the balance due, and it's perfectly OK to wait for that and then pay (unless you've been told of a deadline you need to meet). Popcorn and mulch credits go into the Scout Accounts and can be used only toward troop events and activities. If you owe money on your account, you will be asked to pay it before you can spend more money signing up for an activity.

Scout Account Statements: All scout account statements for the troop, and all purchases so far this year, have generated an email with a PDF attachment to the email address we have for you in our system. If you haven't seen any of these, please send your email address and scout's name to treasurer@troop2970.org and we'll update our records. Some people say "it's OK, you don't have to send me any more statements." Please understand that they are automated...if you don't owe money you are welcome to disregard extra statements.

What If I'm Waiting for Popcorn/Mulch Credits? If you have a balance due and you're waiting to earn Popcorn or Mulch credits, email treasurer@troop2970.org with a realistic amount that you request to "Defer For Popcorn/Mulch," and pay the difference now, if any. The Advances that will be given will be zeroed out when the actual credit is given, and any balance due will need to be paid immediately at that point. New scouts should know that Mulch is a fundraiser only for high-adventure-eligible scouts (age 13 and First Class). Purchasing mulch helps them, but doesn't give the selling scout Scout Account credit. However, the fall Popcorn fundraiser does give the selling scout credit, just like it did in the Cub Scouts.

Is Scout Account Money Refundable? The money you put into scout accounts to pay for activities is yours and can be returned to you if your son leaves the troop. The money earned through popcorn and mulch fundraisers can be transferred to another scouting unit but remains with the troop if your son is leaving scouts. The assumption will be that fundraiser earnings will be applied to the current balance or next scout expense, ahead of money that was put in by the family. If you have questions or concerns please email treasurer@troop2970.org.

Resources for Financial Assistance: The National Capital Area Council grants camper aid based on financial need – applications are due by April 15: <http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?orgkey=1988&id=54652> .

Troop Tax Exemption: Trip coordinators or others purchasing items on behalf of the troop may be asked to provide documentation of the troop's exemption from sales tax. Click here to access the document:
<http://dl.dropbox.com/u/11384149/Troop2970TaxExemptionLetter.pdf>

Questions? Contact Audrey Wittenburg at 703-975-5626 or treasurer@troop2970.org.

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