

# 2023 Camp Card Leader's Guide



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# YOUR SCOUTS CAN EARN THEIR WAY TO A WEEK OF CAMP (AND MORE!)

Welcome to the 2023 Camp Card Sale,

First, thank you for investing the time and energy to lead your Scouting unit's 2023 Card Camp Sale! The Camp Card Sale is the perfect opportunity for Scouts to raise funds for their summer camp fees, camping equipment, or year-round programming without burning a hole in their family's pockets. Each card offers discounts from local vendors that are valid during the 2023 calendar year. Most offers can even be redeemed multiple times!

Imagine being able to pay for a MAJOR portion of your unit's expenses for an entire year with Camp Card profits. Trips...camp outs...trainings...advancements...Blue and Gold banquets...courts of honor...trailers... uniforms...day camp...resident camp...summer camp...National Jamboree!

Our goal is to give each member of your unit the opportunity to earn the money needed to have the best summer ever and help fund the rest of their Scouting adventure.

This "Leader's Guide" will help you with your 2023 Camp Card Sale. It includes important information about how selling camp cards benefits your Scouts, timelines, the card vendors, how to sign up, and the people who can help you.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of the Scouts in your unit! Be sure to visit the Grand Canyon Council website at [grandcanyonbsa.org/campcards/](https://grandcanyonbsa.org/campcards/) for important updates during the campaign.

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# IMPORTANT DATES

<b>January 5</b>	Camp Card Kickoff at January Roundtable
<b>January 27</b>	Camp Card Early Reservation Deadline
<b>February 1</b>	Storefront Registration Opens
<b>February 11</b>	Camp Card Distribution at the Winter Homecoming
<b>February 13-17</b>	Camp Cards available for pickup with District Executives
<b>April 23</b>	End of Camp Card Sale
<b>April 24 – May 5</b>	District Executives available for card returns
<b>May 5</b>	Last Day to Turn-In Cards at the Council Service Center
<b>May 6</b>	Last Opportunity to Turn-In Cards at the Spring Homecoming Event

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# KEY FACTS

- Scouts earn **50% commission** on each card sold, the highest percentage of any council fundraiser.
- **Six regional variants** of the cards have been produced to allow for local business participation and to remove businesses that may not be relevant in all regions of our council.

## BSA FUNDRAISING GUIDELINES

- Camp Cards and Popcorn sales are the only Council approved fundraisers; they alone do not require submission of the Unit Money Earning Application.
- Direct solicitation of cash donations from community businesses, individuals, service organizations, etc., are not allowed. Units must raise their needed funds through approved product sales and fundraising events, payments from member dues, and family support.
- **Any donations that are collected during the Camp Card Sale must be reported and split with the council 50/50 (even if a Camp Card is not sold to the individual).**
- Revenue from sales can be returned to Grand Canyon Council offices at any time throughout the campaign. For each card sold, units keep \$5.00 and are responsible for returning the remaining \$5.00 in revenue to council.

## RETURN POLICY

If units have cards remaining at the end of the fundraiser, they may return any unsold, undamaged cards at any time throughout the campaign. The cards **MUST** be in new condition (with snap off discount tabs intact). We cannot accept returns of any cards that have been damaged. Be sure Scouts and parents treat each card as if it were a \$10 bill!

**All balances and remaining cards are due by May 6th.**

Any cards, including those lost, misplaced, or damaged, not returned to council by May 6<sup>th</sup> will be considered sold, and will be charged to the unit account. It is the unit Camp Card Chair's responsibility to ensure that they return their unit's cards and monies by the end of the sales period.

# HOW THE CAMP CARD SALE WORKS

**Step 1:** The Camp Card Chair should hold a meeting to inform Scouts (and their parents) how the Camp Card sale directly benefits their unit program.

- A printed calendar and unit budget will help educate parents and Scouts about “plans for the upcoming year” and how fundraiser participation may help them save money on expenses.
- Make a chart to track Scout sales to display at your meeting location and recognize those who have hit their goals!

**Step 2:** Help each Scout in your unit set a personal goal using the 2023 Camp Card Sale Plan on page 10. Add their goals to determine the number of cards you will need. Twenty cards will earn \$100 in commission. For your past sales history, email [brendan.switts@scouting.org](mailto:brendan.switts@scouting.org)

It is recommended that units only check out cards that they have planned for and are ready to sell. Additional cards may be picked up throughout the sale. If your unit is concerned with not selling all cards that you have claimed, it is advisable to start with fewer cards than your sales goal, then pick up additional cards as your inventory runs low.

**Step 3:** You will pick up your cards at the Winter Homecoming Event, from the Council Service Center, or from your District Executive.

**Step 4:** Distribute the cards to the Scouts and encourage them to sell.

- Have parents take cards to work
- Schedule storefronts as a unit.
- Ask your friends and neighbors! This card is a great value and will practically sell itself.

**Step 5 -** Check in with the Scouts and their parents weekly to ensure that Scouts are progressing in their sales. If some Scouts are sluggish in their involvement, you may want to redistribute cards as needed to the Scouts who wish to sell more. This will help ensure that at least 75% of the cards that are checked out are sold.

**Step 6 –** Ensure that your Scouts have returned their cards and money to you in time for you to return leftover cards and settle the balance with Council by May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Step 7 –** Close out your Camp Card sale. **Return cards and submit payment to GCC by May 6<sup>th</sup>.**

- Units immediately keep their 50% commission.
- Units may settle their balance (\$5 for each sold card) to Council at any point throughout the sale at the Council Service Center or through other arrangements with your District Executive
- Your unit account will be charged if payment and unsold Camp Cards are not received by May 6<sup>th</sup>.

# CAMP CARD CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES

Leading your unit to its best year of Scouting!

## RECRUIT ONE OR MORE ADULT VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE SALE AS NEEDED

### Explain the Camp Card program to your adult leaders:

- Establish your unit's sales goal and plan your sales activities.
- Add any planned unit activities to the 2023 commission plan options table on page 10.
- Prepare timetables to ensure there is time to meet your goals and that Scouts are completing sales throughout the campaign and not procrastinating.
- Consider setting up sales coverage areas to ensure your community is covered.

### Help find locations and coordinate Storefront Sales.

- You can sign-up for council-organized storefronts starting on February 1 at [www.grandcanyonbsa.org/campcards](http://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/campcards)
- A storefront request letter template is also available on the same webpage.

### Prepare handouts for Unit Kick-Off meeting for adult leaders, parents & Scouts:

- Timeline showing sale dates, date card order is due, time and place for pickup from Council, and card distribution to Scouts.
- Unit goal and per-Scout sales goal.
- Storefront sale sign-up sheets with date, time, and locations of storefront sales.
  - Some units elect to use SignUpGenius instead of paper forms.
- Visit [grandcanyonbsa.org/campcards/](http://grandcanyonbsa.org/campcards/) to download the Leader's Guide and forms.

### Arrange to pick up Camp Cards as needed:

- Camp Cards will be available for pick up at the Winter Homecoming Event on February 11<sup>th</sup>.
- You can also pick up Camp Cards from your District Executive or at the Council Service Center from February 13-17.
- Please contact your District Executive or the Council Service Center to pick-up any more cards after that first week.

### Remind your Scouts of due dates.

- Update your unit each week on sales total (post results at unit meeting place).

### Make sure checks are made payable to the unit itself.

- Collect and tally money from Scouts and submit one check payable to the Grand Canyon Council for "total amount due."
- All payments must be made, and all cards must be returned to the council by the Spring Homecoming Event on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**“A good Camp Card Chair is organized, has a lot of energy,  
is creative, and an excellent communicator.”**

# UNIT CAMP CARD KICK-OFF AGENDA

Conducted by the Camp Card Chair

## 1. Gathering:

- Display card samples, sample coupons, and cool Scout “Stuff” for people see.

## 2. Opening

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Welcome Parents

## 3. Why Camp Cards?

- Make the case for Camp Cards. Why is our unit selling the camp cards?
  - Earn money for summer camp, field trips, and other activities.
  - New equipment.
  - So parents don't have to write a check for everything their Scout does.
  - So your Scout can learn to earn his way. A Scout is Thrifty.
- Make sure every Family has a copy of the Unit Calendar & Unit Budget.

## 4. The Plan for Success

- Review camp card timeline.
- Our sale ends [month] [date], 2023 (Give yourself time to collect and submit payment)

## 5. The Goal

- Our per Scout goal \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (it is very import that you set a per Scout goal)
- Our Unit goal is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in total sales

## 6. Incentives

- Review Incentives: goal levels and what card sales could pay for.

## 7. How to sell Camp Card

- Ask family, friends, neighbors.
- Ask parents to take Camp Cards to work and sell to co-workers.
- Sell door to door in your neighborhood.
- Be Safe:
  - sell with a buddy or an adult.
  - don't sell after dark.
  - don't go into a stranger's house.
  - obey street and traffic signs.
- Be Courteous. Always say “thank you.”
- Walk on the sidewalk.
- WEAR YOUR SCOUT UNIFORM.
- Say thank you whether they buy or not.
- When collecting money, keep cash and checks in an envelope.
- Count out loud when making change.
- Make checks payable to the unit - not the Scout or parents.
- Don't leave cards until the customer has paid for it.

## 8. Questions & Answers

## 9. Thank everyone for coming and wish them good luck!

# SELL THE ADVENTURE

When selling to the community, ask your Scouts to share a personal testimony of something they enjoy in Scouting - such as a Philmont trip, planning an Eagle Scout leadership project, earning their first merit badge, white-water rafting, experiencing a Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Scout Reservation - things that will make the customer feel good about buying a camp card. What will you do with your Camp Card money? Let your customers know your plans!

**Remember we are selling the Scouting program, not the card.** Selling camp cards as a fundraiser enables a unit to have the funds to deliver their program. We are selling Scouting and people will buy if asked. Most people have never been asked to buy Camp Cards but they would support your Scouts if asked.

People need to know why Scouts are selling Camp Cards. Why should they buy a Camp Card?

- Summer Camp
- Scout Uniform
- Camping Equipment
- High Adventure Trip
- National Jamboree
- Leadership Training

What should Scouts say?

1. "Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_."
2. "I'm working really hard to earn my way to \_\_\_\_\_."
3. "Can I count on your support?"
4. "We have a great camp card. \_\_\_\_\_ is my favorite discount - if you don't like that you may like \_\_\_\_\_."
5. "What you like to purchase one or two cards today to help Scouting?"
6. "Thank you for supporting Scouting!"



# TIPS FOR SAFE DOOR-TO-DOOR SELLING

A Scout is Safe. When conducting your sale, it is important to ensure safety of your youth. Below are some general safety and sales tips.

- When selling Camp Cards in your neighborhood always have an adult or buddy with you.
- ALWAYS wear your uniform, neat, clean, and tucked in. Everybody loves to support a Scout in uniform.
- Never enter a stranger's house.
- Keep checks and cash in an envelope with your name on it.
- ALWAYS walk on the sidewalk and driveway. NOT through the yard. Watch for traffic.
- Never sell at night without an adult.
- Not every person will buy, so do not become discouraged.
- The more people you ask – the more people will buy.
- Put Camp Card sales articles in your school, church, and community bulletins/newsletters.
- ALWAYS act like a Scout. Be polite and courteous. Wear a smile and introduce yourself.
- Most importantly, when you are selling Camp Cards tell the people how the money will be used.
- Practice sales with people you know first!
  - Ask your parent to be the first to buy Camp Cards.
  - Ask your relatives to buy Camp Cards.
  - Ask your neighbors to buy Camp Cards.
  - Ask the parents of your friends to buy Camp Cards.
- Take your Camp Cards to your place of worship and ask people to buy during coffee/fellowship hour (get permission first).
- Ask your parents if they can take your Camp Cards to work and ask their co-workers to buy cards. They may need to get permission first.
- Ask a parent or fellow Scout to go door-to-door with you to sell your Camp Cards.
- Ask your patrol or den to schedule a "Super Sale Day." This is a day when your fellow Scouts select a neighborhood and go door- to-door as a group to sell Camp Cards.
- ALWAYS SAY THANK YOU whether they buy or not.

# UNIT BUDGET AND FUNDRAISING GOALS

## MAKE YOUR SCOUTING ADVENTURES A REALITY WITH CAMP CARDS

Well planned fund-raisers help prevent having to ask families for extra money every week. It is better to figure the total cost for the complete year up front. How your unit generates income is an important discussion topic with the unit committee and families in your unit. Most use a balance of dues and fund-raisers.

Scouts are taught early on that if they want something in life, they need to earn it. This is a fundamental principle of the BSA. The finance plan of any unit should include Scout participation. An annual unit participation fee paid entirely by parents does little to teach a Scout responsibility.

To determine your unit and Scout goals, the unit committee may want to determine the cost of the annual program to help families determine to what degree they will participate in unit fundraisers. There are many tools and resources available to assist units with this process:

- [Planning Your Pack's Annual Program Budget](#)
- [Pack Operating Budget Worksheet](#)
- [Planning Your Troops Annual Program Budget](#)
- Troop Operating Budget Worksheet ([PDF](#)) ([Excel](#))

### SAMPLE 2023 CAMP CARD SALE PLAN

All cards sell for \$10. The Scout's commission is 50%, or \$5.00 for each card sold.

Item	Cost	Cards Goal
R-C Cub Resident Camp (fees vary)	\$ _____	
Camp Geronimo (fees vary)	\$ _____	
National Youth Leadership Training	\$300	60
Scout Life Subscription	\$15	3
National Annual Dues	\$75	15
Council Program Fee	\$50	10
Unit Annual Dues	\$ _____	
Unit event:		
Unit event:		
Unit event:		
New handbook	\$25	5

# STOREFRONT SALE

Visit [grandcanyonbas.org/campcards/](http://grandcanyonbas.org/campcards/) for the most up-to-date council-organized storefront information.

## How do I start my sale?

Practice makes perfect, and it helps to begin with your immediate family members and community:

- Parents
- Brothers and Sisters
- Cousins
- Aunts and Uncles
- Grandparents
- Close Neighbors
- Customers who purchased Camp Cards from you last year.
- Don't forget about our popcorn customers from last year!

You can start as soon as you receive your Camp Cards. Ask your neighbors, friends, relatives, and parents' friends. Think of everyone who would want to support your unit. Remember, tell everyone about your unit's program and why you are selling Camp Cards. Most people have never been asked to buy a Camp Card, but they would if you asked them and explained why you are selling!

## Great Places to Sell:

- Community festivals
- Local stores
- Parent's workplace
- Banks
- Gas stations
- Sporting games
- Grocery stores
- Small businesses
- Church/Chartered Organization functions
- The businesses included on the camp cards!
- Council-arranged storefront registrations open on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

## How do I arrange for a storefront of my own?

Many scouts sell camp cards in front of community businesses in addition to door-to-door sales. It is the responsibility of the unit/Scout to check with store management to arrange sales. [Click here](#) for a template letter to request a storefront on behalf of your unit. You may arrange your own storefront sales at your school, house of worship, local businesses, or any other safe location where your Scout can to sell Camp Cards.

Tips to help make your location storefront sale successful:

- Scouts should clean the area before and after the sale.
- Do not use chairs at the location. They take up a lot of room and work against the sale.
- Have a table to display some of your unit's adventures, awards, or information on your community service.
- Scouts should work the sale, no sitting or horseplay!
- Consider purchasing enlarged versions of the Camp Card printed on foam cardboard to show customers who may have trouble reading from the card.
- Remember to have water available to stay hydrated during the shifts.
- Adults: allow the Scouts to sell the Camp Cards; Give the Scouts room to grow.
- ALWAYS SAY THANK YOU whether they buy or not!
- ALWAYS WEAR YOUR UNIFORM! Neat, clean, and tucked in!