NEW CAMP USAGE FEES FOR UNIT USE

Effective January 1, 2012

Most volunteers understand the high cost of operating a camp and two in the case of the SWFL Council. The SWFL Council significantly subsidizes its camps annually at no additional direct costs to our youth and leaders for weekend use except for special program material costs. Almost all other council camps in our region charge units a flat per person usage fee in addition to any special recognition discounts and special program material costs.

The SWFL Executive Board recently approved a new camp fee structure for certain units utilizing camp for individual unit use which became effective January 1, 2012. Those units that do not support council programs in the *'Spirit of Scouting"* and to *"Do Their Best and To Help Others" will not reap the same benefits that others do and will incur additional costs related to camp and support services.*

For over 75% of all units, there will is no change and in fact a reduction in fees for basic camp use *while all other charges will remain the same*. *(i.e. specific program fees etc.) The new fees will apply only to those units that are not a* **SWFL Council Honor Unit.**

SWFL COUNCIL HONOR UNIT

A **SWFL Council Honor Unit** is a Unit (C.S. Pack, B.S. Troop, Ven. Crew or Post) that **conducts** a Unit Family F.O.S. presentation AND **participates** in at least **one** Council Fundraiser on an annual basis. (*At this time*, the only fundraiser is the *Annual Council Popcorn Sale*)

NOTES:

- The unit must subscribe and follow the "Best Methods " approach to insure the best success for each respective program.
- **Units that do not participate in the *"Spirit of Scouting"* and follow the "Best Methods" approach will not qualify and a decision will be made at the discretion of the Family FOS Chairman or Popcorn Chairman and the District Executive.**
- New units have a grace period of 6 months if requested for each respective program.
- At-Risk or Low Income Units in low socio-economic areas will have support in the Popcorn Sale in coordinating sales in their geographic area and/or storefront coordination to successfully participate in the annual popcorn sale.

* **For 2013, Units must schedule a Family Presentation by 12/31/13 or camp use fees become effective January 1, 2013. Units must complete their presentation by 3/31/13. A unit that participates in Family FOS but does not participate in the Popcorn Sale in Fall of 2012 will not qualify for 2013.**