RATIONALE FOR FEES – MAY 2012

Dear Cub Scout Parents and Leaders:

Boy Scouts of America (BSA) – Hong Kong is a non-profit organization run entirely by volunteers.

These volunteers contribute significant time and resources to make a difference in the lives of your children and to our local community. However, even with these contributions there are costs associated with everything that we do. In the past we have collected some fees through registration and some throughout the year. We have also funded most of our expenses through additional fund-raisers such as bake sales.

For Academic year 2012 – 2013, we aim to streamline our process with collection of fees once during the year and to better plan for our expenses because we have the funds in advance. You will find below an explanation of how we have structured the fees for the coming year:

Boy and Adult Registrations:

BSA Scouts – Hong Kong is a “Pack Committee” (PC) of the “Boy Scouts of America ” (BSA). The majority of the registration fees collected are submitted to the BSA in the USA. A portion of the registration fees are used to pay for overhead expenses, including wire transfer fees, postage, and supplies. The balance is used to pay for insignia and for awards.

Pack Events:

Our major Pack Events, excluding Camp, during the year include:

- Monthly Pack Meetings
- Beach Clean-Up
- Blue & Gold Banquet
- Pinewood Derby
- Raingutter Regatta
- Beach BBQ

We also stock the library with Leader Resource Books.

Each one of these events requires tremendous co-ordination and expense. In many cases we must pay for food and beverage, supplies, etc. The fees you pay will ensure that these events continue to bring the Boy Scouts together as a community.
To calculate the fee we have estimated the operating expenses based on prior year data and allocated the amount among the expected number of boys registering for the year.

The Treasurer will review the budget throughout the year and advise the Pack Committee if adjustments need to be made.

Camp Fees:

Camp is a huge undertaking that requires a lot of people helping in the Camp Committee to make it a success. In November 2011, based on parent feedback, we decided to use the services of Dragonfly, an organization that assisted in the activities over the weekend, and the logistics involved in feeding and organizing over 200 people. This is a particular challenge for the Boy Scouts as the organizers (typically Mums) do not attend the camp. The camping weekend was deemed successful and we will be using Dragonfly again in November 2012.

Camp fees will be collected at Registration.

If your schedule does not allow you to attend, we will refund the camp fees to those families who provide written notification. A full refund is available if notice is provided with more than 2 months notice. Half of the fees will be refunded if one month notice is provided. Unfortunately, we cannot refund camp fees after this date because we will be committed to the expenses.

Please note that we have separately stated Camp Fees because it is a significant line item. We will not provide refunds for other Council Events that you are not able to attend.

Hardships:

In the event that you are not able pay the full registration fees at this time, please speak directly with the Registrar. Payment plans or scholarships may be available based on need and availability of funds.