Troop Dues Tips & Worksheet

"Girl members, with their adult volunteer help, establish their goals for the year, determine the amount of troop dues, and then set goals for money-earning." From *Volunteer Essentials*, Chapter 5.

EXPENSES
Determine if parents want to include the following expenses as part of troop dues or purchase on their own:
- GSUSA Membership
- Uniform and insignia
- *Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting*
- Journey girl book

Discuss with parents if they want to include the following expenses as part of troop dues or donate the needed items:
- Snacks (if there will be any)
- Basic troop supplies (books, first aid kit)
- Program supplies (for arts & crafts projects, science experiments, games, Take Action projects)

Brainstorm with girls what they hope to do this year and determine how much will be needed to cover the cost:
- Badges
- Journey awards
- Programs, events, and field trips

INCOME Consider that income for troops includes family contributions (dues and material/monetary donations) and Cookie Program proceeds (available mid February)

Some parents may prefer to pay everything initially, while others may prefer to pay for special events as they occur.

EXAMPLE: Brownie Troop ABC
- Parents expressed that they wanted to buy membership and Basics-in-a-bag (uniform, insignia, book) themselves and would rather pay for field trips and special events as they come up.
- Parents decided they wanted to take turns providing snacks.
- Girls want to earn money through cookie sales to pay for their new GGGS books and badges.
- Troop will meet twice a month, for 8 months.

Determine Expenses –
- 4 badges and 4 patches ($14 /girl)
- Journey awards ($6/girl)
- Supplies & troop equipment – ($10/girl)
- Incidentals – ($5 /girl)

Determine per girl expense: 14+6+10+5= $36
TROOP DUES $36

EXAMPLE: Junior Troop JKL
- Parents want to include membership and the uniform in the dues but would rather pay for field trips and special events as they come up.
- Parents and girls decided that since the meetings are after dinner, no snacks are needed.
- Girls want to earn money through cookie sales to pay for their Journey Take Action project.
- Troop will meet once a month in a meeting and once a month for service.

Determine Expenses –
- GSUSA membership ($25/girl)
- uniform – vest, insignia ($42/girl)
- 4 patches ($6/girl)
- Journey book and awards ($13/girl)
- Supplies & troop equipment – ($10/girl)
- Incidentals – ($3/girl)

Determine per girl expense: 15+35+6+13+10+3= $82
TROOP DUES $99

EXAMPLE: Cadette Troop XYZ
- Girls have saved cookie profit for several years.
- They no longer do snacks; troop has supplies from past years.
- Busy schedules, so they prefer to pay per event.
- Journey book and awards ($13/girl).
- 1 badge & 1 patch ($4)

Prices listed are approximate. Prices may vary.

Determine per girl expense: 15+4= $19 (paid from troop treasury) **TROOP DUES $0**

<u>Your Troop Dues Worksheet</u>

Include membership? No____Yes___ $25

Include uniforms?   No____Yes___ $ _____ (will vary depending on sash/vest/insignia)

Include books?   No____Yes___ $ _____ (which and how many)

Include activity fees? No____Yes___ $ _____

Include snacks?   No____Yes___ $ _____

Badges/Patches: # ___ x $2.00 = $_____
Journey Awards: # ___ x $6.00 = $_____
Supplies: $_____

Troop equipment: $_____

Miscellaneous: $_____

Total EXPENSES per girl: $_____

Expected INCOME from troop treasury (current or cookie program if expenses will be after March) $_____

DUES: total expenses per girl - (income from troop treasury / number of girls) = $_____

HINTS:
- Share resources with other troops when possible. Do NOT share girl books; each girl deserves her own!!
- When you finish a project, donate your leftover materials to another troop doing the same or similar project.
- Set Cookie Program goals to raise enough proceeds to pay for events or books for next year.