

Boy Scout Troop 1085

Hike-A-Thon Fundraiser

What's a Hike-A-Thon?

The Hike-A-Thon is a fundraising event the troop will hold to raise money for troop activities – especially summer camp. The boys will make a day hike and take pledges for each mile they walk. The money raised by each scout will be split 60/40 between the Scout's individual Troop account and general Troop 1085 account. The money that goes into the troop's general fund will be earmarked for subsidizing summer camp and other outings – lowering the cost of these outings and making them more attractive to more boys. The money that goes into each boy's individual troop account will be under their control, but is expected to go toward paying for camping trips and other troop outings.

When and Where is the Hike-A-Thon?

We will hike the trails at the Pinery during our May Campout, on Saturday, May 20, 2005. We will probably set up several hikes totaling 10-12 miles, and the boys will hike as much of it as they can.

How Does It Work?

The boys will gather pledges (donations) from anyone they want to solicit for support. Family, relatives, friends, enemies and complete strangers all make excellent victims. Each boy will receive paper pledge sheets to track the money they raise. Sheets of tax receipts are provided for those who request receipts. Donations may be gathered right up until the start of the event. The boys will turn in their pledge sheets and money at the event.

Questions?

Call Bruce Farrell at (248) 288-6299

Helpful Tips

Collect money at the time of the pledge

The scout should collect the money at the time of the pledge and not after the event occurs. In this sense, it is really a donation and not a pledge. This saves everyone time and effort and provides a much more reliable way to gather money – not just promises from people that may never be seen again.

Make checks payable to Troop 1085

Don't accept checks made out to you. You will end up having to cash them yourself and write another check to the troop.

Pack an easily carried lunch and water

None of us has the time to make this a big event with organized stopping points and food/water drops. On a long hike, the boys should have what they need with them at all times.

Dress for the weather and the distance

There is no rainout date. **Be prepared!**