

Popcorn Details

Popcorn Fundraiser Starts

The Popcorn Sale Funds the Pack's Entire Annual Program.



Pack 29 has set a sales goal of **\$300** for each boy in the pack. This amount will cover the cost of your son participating in all activities sponsored by Pack 29 for the school year. This may sound like a lot to sell, but actually it is very easy to sell if done correctly. We will cover popcorn selling in great detail at our September 12th meeting.

There are 3 ways to sell popcorn - "Show and Sell", Order Taking, and Retail Selling.

The **Show and Sell** method allows

scouts to "check out" a large amount of popcorn to sell on their own in September. This method allows scouts to sell the popcorn with product in hand. Any amount not used can be returned to the Pack. When popcorn is checked out, a check for the value of the popcorn will be held until you settle your account. Stay tuned to e-mail for details on how to participate in Show and Sell.

The **Order Taking** method is the standard way to sell popcorn and it's where scouts take orders from neighbors, family, and friends. Then, in November you will deliver the popcorn. Payment is due in December.

The **Retail Selling** method is another opportunity to meet your goal.

If you are interested in this method, you must volunteer to help run the sale at a retail store (contact the popcorn chairman). The pack will not be coordinating a specific time, but will supply the popcorn for it.

For families that are just too busy to sell popcorn, you may opt out of popcorn sales altogether and write a check to Pack 29 for \$125. This is due by October 24 and works just like selling \$300 of popcorn.

Selling popcorn is easy and fun! Scouts win prizes for selling popcorn and they learn a lot from this activity. We encourage everyone to embrace the popcorn sale and work hard! The more we sell, the more things the pack can offer. You should sell in your neighborhood, to family and friends, and at your place of employment. It's easier than you think!

All payments for popcorn should be in cash or with one check per scout made out to "Pack 29".

Key Dates

Sept 5 -	Show and Sell Orders Due (e-mail)
Sept 26 -	Pickup Show and Sell Orders
Oct 24 -	Popcorn Orders Due
Oct 24 -	Opt-Out Money Due
Nov 14 -	Pickup Popcorn
Dec 2 -	Popcorn Money Due



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NEW INTERNET ORDERING

This year instead of having to bring your orders to the church on a certain night, you will be entering them online. This should be easier for everyone involved because you can do it at your own convenience.



Just be sure that you do it by the deadline of October 24!

There will be more information on how to submit orders online at the September 12th Pack Meeting.

PACK COMMITTEE APPROVES NEW “FLEXIBLE” INCENTIVE PLAN

The Pack Committee is proud to unveil a new popcorn sale incentive plan for this year. Each year, the committee will review pack procedures and make any necessary changes for the upcoming year. This year, we had several good ideas from parents about the popcorn sale and how the money is used. Several ideas were discussed, but the committee decided upon a simple plan that is nearly the same as before, but with some flexibility.

In the past, the popcorn sale has always covered the cost of a summer activity for the scout. However, many scouts are not able to attend the summer trip and scouts couldn't benefit from that. The new incentive plan will pay for scouts to attend other activities instead of just the summer trip. Only Pack approved activities are covered and a list of those will be provided soon.

Scouts who sell more than the \$300 goal have the opportunity to have more than one activity paid for. In fact, for each additional \$300 that a scout sells, an additional activity will be covered for that scout. So, if a scout sells \$600, 2 activities are covered. \$900 in sales will cover 3 activities and so on. Scouts will

still earn prizes and “pies” to throw at adults, but now, there is more incentive to sell popcorn.

Examples of activities that can be covered are Pack summer trips, Loop-A-Rama, Campout on the Ice, and perhaps a portion of Twilight Camp. Stay tuned to future newsletters, e-mails, and pack meetings for a complete list of pack approved activities. If you have an activity you would like the pack to consider, please let any leader know and we will discuss it at a committee meeting.



WHAT DO POPCORN FUNDS COVER?



For an organization to run, it must have funds. Scouting is an expensive undertaking with many, many activities. Many scouting organizations require monthly or yearly

dues. Pack 29 chooses to have the scouts pay their own way instead! If you sell your goal of popcorn (\$300/scout), you won't have to pay any dues for any of the pack activities. There are several activities offered by the district and council that are not covered, but here is a list of items covered by sales of popcorn:

- Awards
- Pinewood Derby kits
- Family Camp meals
- Pack meeting activities
- Den expenses
- Arrow of Light ceremony
- Scouts participation in summer trip (or other activity)
- Operational Supplies & Equipment
- Blue & Gold Banquet
- Popcorn Pie Throwing Event
- Even more!
- Annual scout registration fee
- Annual leader registration fee
- Leader training and materials
- Pack meeting meals



PACK 29 STARTS 50TH YEAR!

Congratulations to all of those who participated in Pack 29 over the years. Our Pack is now starting its 50th year - all at Auburn United Methodist Church. That's quite an accomplishment! Let's all pitch in and make this the best year of them all!