

BOWL-A-THON 2010

WHAT IS Bowl-A-Thon 2010?

Bowl-A-Thon 2010 is a *fundraising event*. Each participant solicits pledges from sponsors who will make a donation based on the individual's bowling score. It is also a FUN event with the participants being able to bowl and win prizes for their efforts.

HOW DO WE PARTICIPATE?

Bowl-A-Thon 2010 will take place anytime between February 1, 2010 and August 31, 2010. Your Unit should sign up for a specific Bowl-A-Thon date. Each Unit should contact the Bowling Center of their choice. **Each participating Unit must have a total of pledges per bowler averaging \$25 to qualify for FREE bowling in the Bowl-A-Thon.** At the Bowl-A-Thon, each participant will bowl three games. Scores will be certified at the Bowl-A-Thon Bowling Center. Each participant should collect their pledges within ten days.

HOW DOES OUR UNIT RECEIVE COMMISSION?

After the Unit bowls, bowlers collect pledges from their sponsors within ten days. After the pledges have been collected, you should remit the **full value** of your pledges to the Council. Your Unit commission check will be sent at month's end to the person who you designate. You may have your commission monies placed on account at the Council Service Center or fully donated to special needs Scouting. Be sure to send a receipt from the Bowling Center *if your unit qualifies for reimbursement*.

- * All Packs are urged to consider using their commission to help Cub Scouts pay fees for Day Camp or Resident Camp in 2010.
- * All Troops and Crews are urged to consider using their commission to help support the cost of summer camp opportunities in 2010.
- * Patches will be distributed at District Roundtables.

UNIT COMMISSION PLAN

**Commission = 25%
of total pledges collected**

WHAT DO THE PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE?

Each participant will receive a Bowl-A-Thon 2010 patch. Each Unit averaging \$25 per bowler will be reimbursed for the cost of their bowling. *Each participant who collects at least \$250 will receive their choice of a \$50 discount to a GPC Summer Camp Experience or a \$50 Gift Card from the Pittsburgh Scout Shop.*

WHO RECEIVES THE MONEY WE COLLECT?

50%--event expenses, lane fees and participation incentives

25%--Unit commissions

25%--TrailBlazer District, G.P.C.
(development of Scouting Programs for individuals with special needs)



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THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!!!

**Scouts with special needs
will benefit from your
participation.**

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INSTRUCTIONS TO LEADERS

1. Select the date and bowling center in your community based on your calendar and lane availability.
2. Complete the **Bowl-A-Thon 2010 Sign Up Form** and return it to the Council Service Center (by mail or fax) in order to register your unit.
3. "Sponsor Pledge Sheet" for participants and "Unit Tabulation Sheet" are available at District Roundtables, Council Service Center or Council website at www.gpc-bsa.org.
4. Each participant signs up sponsors from family, friends, neighbors, businesses, etc. Sponsors will be asked to pledge a minimum of two cents (\$0.02) per pin but no more than fifteen cents (\$0.15) per pin. Or, sponsors may pledge a donation in the amount of their choice. To bowl free, each Unit should have a total donation of \$25.00 per participant!
5. On the verified date of your Bowl-A-Thon, members are encouraged to arrive at the Bowling Center shortly before the confirmed time. Remember, adequate adult supervision from your Unit must be provided. Each participant will bowl three games. Each individual's score is then certified by the Unit Bowl-A-Thon Coordinator as the games are completed.
6. Upon completion of your participant's games, the "Unit Tabulation Sheet" must be completed. Originals of both the "Sponsor Pledge Sheet" and the "Unit Tabulation Sheet" are retained by the Unit representative for collection and follow-up.
7. When all paperwork is completed at the Bowling Center, the Unit leader should thank each participant and encourage them to collect pledges from his or her sponsors within the next ten days. Checks from sponsors should be made payable to your Unit or to the Greater Pittsburgh Council depending on how you wish to conduct the final turn in of monies.

Collection Summary

1. Hold your Unit's pledge turn-in meeting within ten days.
2. If your Unit needs reimbursement from the Bowling Center, we must have an amount stating the cost on official letterhead or an official receipt from the Bowling Center.
3. All Unit Tabulation and Sponsor Pledge Sheets must be accompanied by the PLEDGE MONEY TURN-IN REPORT and should be mailed or brought in personally to:

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Boy Scouts of America, Greater Pittsburgh Council
Council Service Center ~ Flag Plaza
1275 Bedford Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Your unit commission check will be sent by month's end. Patches will be distributed at District Roundtable Meetings.

FEBRUARY 2010

CHECK WHEN COMPLETED

- _____ Receive Bowl-A-Thon information at District Roundtable meeting.
- _____ Review the Bowl-A-Thon information with your Unit leadership.
- _____ Commit to Bowl-A-Thon 2010. Select your unit's purpose for the 25% commission.
- _____ Contact your preferred Bowling Center and secure a date and time for your Unit.
- _____ Confirm your unit's participation by sending the Bowl-A-Thon registration form to the Council Service Center.
- _____ For fun, plan Den or Patrol competition.
- _____ Secure unit transportation and scorekeepers.
- _____ Remind youth members of time and place for meeting before going to the Bowling Center. Unit members should travel together to the Bowl-A-Thon.

February 1, 2010-August 31, 2010

- _____ Participate in Bowl-A-Thon 2010
- _____ Collect pledges within 10 days of event.
- _____ Turn in all pledge collections (one check) to the Council Service Center within 25 days of your Unit Bowl-A-Thon.
- _____ Patches will be distributed at District Roundtables and commission checks will be mailed at month's end.