

TROOP 714 MILEAGE COST UPDATED AS OF February, 2012

This policy was established by the troop committee in 2005. The reimbursement is updated quarterly and is an attempt to try and reasonably track gasoline prices while still providing stability for estimating trip costs for all participants in advance of the trip. It does not (and probably can not) attempt to reimburse drivers directly for actual operating expenses.

1. For Troop activities requiring a drive of up to 125 miles one way, there is no monetary reimbursement for gas or other vehicle costs. Please keep up with your mileage and use that as deduction on your taxes, at your own discretion.
2. For Troop activities requiring a drive of 125 miles or more one way, drivers will receive monetary supplement for vehicle operation. Every participant will pay a portion of the total reimbursement to be collected at the time of deposit to reserve your space on the trip. The mileage cost charged for each participant will be 4.5 cents per mile times the total (round-trip) mileage for the trip. This is based on an average of 20 MPG with four passengers and gas at \$3.60/gallon.
3. The money collected from these fees will be distributed by the activity planner based on the number of passengers and gear load carried. Drivers may donate this money to the troop if they prefer to deduct mileage or not be reimbursed for other reasons.

If you only drive one-way, you will receive the appropriate share of the full reimbursement. Also, anyone pulling the troop trailer should submit receipts for the actual cost of gas used. The Troop treasurer will reimburse them for their additional cost (above the calculated amount) from the trailer operating budget.

HERE'S AN EXAMPLE TO ILLUSTRATE THIS POLICY:

30 Scouts and 16 Adults driving 700 miles round-trip
8 passenger vehicles with driver + an average of 4 passengers each
2 pickup trucks w/driver + 1 passenger each, one pulling trailer:

700 miles x \$0.045 = \$31.50 per participant transportation charge
Since all drivers are carrying roughly equal numbers of participants, or, a truck full of gear, each driver would receive an equal share of the driver reimbursement:

$\$31.50 \times 46 \text{ participants} / 10 \text{ drivers} = \$144.90 \text{ per driver}$
(Each driver receives roughly 20.7 cents per mile driven)

If the trailer driver turns in receipts for fuel purchases totaling \$238.92 (typical for this scenario), the troop treasurer would reimburse them for the balance (\$238.92 - \$144.90 = \$94) from the trailer operating budget.