

**2025 Troop 497 Car Wash**  
**Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
**Rain Date: June 14<sup>th</sup>**

You need to participate in the car wash 3 ways.

1. Seek and collect corporate sponsors or pledges equaling \$200.00 minimum in total based on 500 cars.
2. Ask your parents, neighbors, friends and relatives to bring their cars to be washed the day of the car wash.
3. Show up the day of the car wash and help wash cars, get wet and have fun.

We want to make this a great year for the car wash and everyone's participation will make this possible. You can solicit pledges in the following two ways.

1. You can ask people to pledge a certain amount of money for each car washed (i.e. \$.05 per car) and then collect the pledge after the car wash once we know how many cars were washed. Usually we wash an average of 500 cars, based on that figure you need to get pledges totaling \$.40 to reach your goal of \$200. Pledges per car usually range from \$.01 to \$.05 per car and sponsors can set a maximum limit for their pledge. You can also collect specific amounts of money as a single cash contribution. Using the attached pledge sheet keep track of your total pledges and bring your pledge sheet to the troop meetings to see if you qualify for a prize. There are weekly prizes so bring in your pledge sheet each week and see if you are selected for a prize that week.
2. The second method to collect pledges is to obtain corporate sponsors. Usually these are businesses who will make a pledge at one of the following levels: 1<sup>st</sup> Class \$50, Star \$100, Life \$150 or Eagle \$200. The businesses pledge is a contribution to a charity and if they provide samples, literature, coupons or other materials, we will distribute this material to everyone who has their car washed. They will also have their company name displayed on the corporate sponsor board.

**Funds distribution:** The first \$100.00 in pledges goes 100% to the troop, this is new for 2025, which goes to support troop activities, equipment and supplies. Every pledge over the first \$100 goes into the Scout's family account, which can be used to pay for summer camp, monthly camping trips, camping equipment or other Scouting related needs. This is a great opportunity to earn money to pay for summer camp.

**INFORMATION PACKET:** This packet includes the following information.

**Pledge sheets-** Use this to keep track of your pledges and bring to each meeting. Make sure you put your name on your pledge sheet.

**Corporate Sponsor Information-** Information for corporate sponsors. You can obtain additional copies from the Troop web site or at the meetings.

**Car Wash Reminders-** Cut up this sheet and hand out to friends, relatives, sponsors, neighbors and ask your parents to give them to coworkers. This will help them remember to attend our FREE car wash. Make sure you give a reminder to everyone including people who chose not to pledge the car wash.

**Receipts-**Two types, one for sponsors who pledged money per car washed and one for a pledge of a set amount. Please make sure you use the correct receipt.

## WHAT TO SAY WHEN YOU ASK SOMEONE TO SPONSOR YOU FOR THE CAR WASH

“I am     Scout’s name    . Each year Boy Scout Troop 497 holds a FREE community car wash at St. Joseph’s Church on Church Lane just off York Road in Cockeysville. There is absolutely **NO COST** to have your car washed. To earn money for our Troop activities and equipment, Scouts seek pledges of a few cents for each car washed during our 6-hour event on Saturday June 7th. On average we wash 500 cars, a pledge of 5 cents results in a \$25 pledge. Would you please support the Scouts and make a pledge based on the number of cars we wash, or, if you prefer, a pledge for a set amount of 10 or 20 dollars to support our Troop? All donations are tax deductible as well as a great way to help Scout Troop 497.

Thank you for your sponsorship, here is a reminder for the date, time and location of the car wash. Please stop by and have your car washed and invite all your friends.”

Remember to invite everyone to the car wash, including people who do not sponsor you for the car wash.

Make Checks Payable to: “Parents Club Troop 497”