

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

2026 Troop 497 Car Wash Saturday June 6th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (In the event of severe weather, the Rain Date is June 13th)

This is a great opportunity to earn money to pay for summer camp.

We want to make this a great year for the car wash and everyone's participation will make this possible.

You need to participate in the car wash 3 ways.

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

You can solicit pledges in the following two ways:

1. **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.**

We wash up to 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.

Use the enclosed pledge sheet to 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. **Obtain corporate sponsors.** Usually these are businesses who will make a pledge at one of the following levels: 1st Class \$75, Star \$150, Life \$250, Eagle \$500, or Eagle Palm \$1,000. 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 banner at the car wash and our events..

How that funds are distributed:

- The first \$100 in pledges goes 100% to the troop, 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.

TROOP 497 CAR WASH INFORMATION PACKET

This packet includes information about the Car Wash as well as forms and receipts. You can obtain additional copies from the Troop web site or at the meetings.

1. General Information

- Event date/time, participation expectations, pledge information, how to earn funds

2. Donation Scripts

- How you can ask for a Pledge, Flat Donation, or Corporate Sponsorship

3. Donor 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.

4. Corporate Sponsor Pledge Sheet

- Information for corporate sponsors.

5. Receipts

- Two types - please make sure you use the correct receipt.
 - Pledged money per car washed (given AFTER the event)
 - Pledged a set amount or sponsorship (given IMMEDIATELY to the Sponsor)

6. 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.

7. T-Shirt Competition

- Creative? Good with AI? Come up with an ORIGINAL design and we may select it to be the Official 2026 Car Wash T-Shirt.

NOTE: YOU CAN WIN FABULOUS PRIZES FOR:

- Highest Individual Pledge
- Highest Patrol Pledge
- T-Shirt Design Winner
- Got My First Corporate Sponsor