

New Credit Card Surcharge Policy approved by Council Executive Committee

At a recent meeting of the Green Mountain Council Executive Committee, it was approved that a 3% surcharge will be added to all credit card payments made for any Scouting activity or payment other than store purchases. This charge was decided due to the ever increasing costs charged by the credit card companies for their processing fees. In 2010, the Green Mountain Council paid out \$8,539.00 in credit card fees, monies that could and should be going toward programs that directly impact the youth served by the Green Mountain Council. The committee determined it could no longer absorb that cost without passing on some of the expense, much like many other local and on-line businesses have been doing.

These charges do not apply for purchases made for Scout store supplies, only for activities such as summer camp, ski weekends, district dinners, popcorn product sales payments, etc.

Leaders who do not want this charge to apply to their credit card payment are encouraged to pay by check for larger purchases and by cash for smaller purchases.

The committee asks for your understanding and cooperation with this decision. For more information on this change, please contact Council Treasurer Matt Wilcox at 802-279-8327 or via email at mwilcox@northernpower.com.