Trail's End Parent & Scout *Popcorn Fundraiser* Guide











Parents Guide

Steps to Success

Why Trail's End Popcorn?



Highest Profit Return-Over 73% returned to local Scouting

- \circ You can earn enough money to fund your scouting program needs for the entire year.
- With part of the revenue generated, Council uses funds for camping programs, leader training, Camporees, etc.

> No Up Front Money

• A council run fundraiser that allows your unit to order the product needed for a successful sale.

A Turn Key Program

• All sales tools provided for success: Order forms, online ordering, Scout prizes, training videos, etc.

Proven Product Quality

- Superior products and pricing with high consumer appeal.
- No "Trans-Fat" and Microwave products made with Canola oil.
- 92% of consumers will buy product again each season.

Teaches Life Lessons

- Teaches Scouts the responsibility of "Earning His Own Way" and builds selfconfidence.
- Scouts learn leadership skills and financial skills.
- The Popcorn sale provides Scouts with an opportunity to earn advancements and merit badges.

Program Support

- \circ $\,$ Council staff and volunteers available for assistance.
- \circ $\,$ Local trainings available to guide you through a successful sale.





Steps For Sucess

Coach Your Boy Scout



- Listen to him practice his sales pitch.
- Review the popcorn material together and visit Trail's-End web site with him to help him learn more about his product.
 www.trails-end.com
- Guide him to set practical and useful goals about what he wants to learn and earn:
 - Budget goal / commission rate = Sales goal (\$95/35% = \$271)
 - Show the Scouts what prizes and/or events they can earn by hitting their sales goal.
 - Listen to him describe what his goals are for the money earned through the sale.
- Ask him questions maybe even pretend to be a potential customer and do a little role-play.
- Be a role model for business ethics and safety rules!

Have fun with him



Scout Selling Tips



- **1.** Always wear your class "A" uniform.
- 2. Never sell alone or enter anyone's home.
- **3.** Practice the sales presentation.
 - **a.** Introduce yourself (first name only) and where you are from. *"Hi Sir, my name is Brian and I am from Cub Scout Pack 38"*
 - b. Let people know what you are doing
 "We're working very hard to try and help raise money for our scouting activities for this year."
 - **c.** How they can help you. "You can help us by buying some of our gourmet Popcorn!"
 - **d.** Close the sale. *"You'll support scouting, won't you?"*
- 4. Be polite and always say "Thank You."
- 5. Always walk on the sidewalk and/or driveway.
- 6. Keep your Take Order forms each year for repeat customers.
- 7. Have mom and/or dad take an order form to work.
- 8. Plan on how many sales you will need to reach your sales goals.
 - a. Determine whom you will ask to help you reach your goal.
 - b. Remember, "two out of three people will buy when asked."





Scout Sales Worksheet



Identify Your Top 15 Customers

Friends and Family

1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
Neighbors	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
Mom/Dad's Coworkers	
1	

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