

BSA Troop 357 – Income Tax Deductions

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Troop 357 provides the following information to help volunteers decide **if they should seek advice from a tax professional.** By providing this information, **the Troop is NOT offering tax advice.**

BSA volunteers may be able to deduct certain un-reimbursed, out-of-pocket expenses on Schedule A of the volunteer's federal tax return. You should seek the advice of a tax professional to determine if you may have such deductible expenses.

Expenses that **might** qualify include:

- Uniforms, badges, pins, uniform accessories
- Books
- Stationery/office supplies, arts & crafts supplies
- Photocopy expenses
- Travel expenses (see below)
- Construction materials
- Camping supplies and equipment

Travel expenses that **might** be deductible include meals, accommodations, and mileage. If the filer qualifies, an election between mileage and actual cost of gas and oil is allowed. The IRS publishes a mileage rate for each tax year. As an example, the rate for the tax year 2005 was \$0.14/mile.

Approximate, round-trip mileage from Highland to various Troop destinations:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Round-Trip Miles</u>
Umstead Park	18
Odd Fellows	14
Camp Durant/Reeves	130
Camp Charles	80
McPherson's Farm	130
Key Haven (Kerr Lake)	130