



2019 Member Dues Increase: 7 Frequently-Asked Questions

1. *Q: When does the member dues increase go into effect?*

A: January of 2019, when individual Members renew. If you are in a Member Association, your NFH dues go up when your tract association collects dues during 2019, which varies by association.

2. *Q: How much are the dues going to be?*

A: Dues will be \$55 for individual NFH Members and \$50 for members who pay dues through a NFH Member Tract association; \$35 for Associate Members and \$30 for Associate Tract Members.

3. *Q: When was the last dues increase by NFH?*

A: 2014, we raised dues for the first time in many years; the 2019 increase will be only the second increase in almost 20 years.

4. *Q: Why are you raising your dues?*

A: NFH is a fiscally-responsible non-profit 501c4 association. Over the last 5 years, NFH revenues have been flat, while our expenses continue to increase each year. This trend resulted in the organization losing money in 2017.

As our expenses have gone up, we've found ways to reduce costs. Under careful analysis, we determined that an increase is also needed to keep our non-profit working productively on behalf of the cabin community.

5. *Q: Is the organization on a growth plan for the future?*

A: Yes, we are stepping up our efforts and actively reaching out to new members while extending our outreach to all regions of the national program. We are also developing non-dues revenues, such as event sponsorships and are considering small business ads in our newsletters. NFH has donors and we welcome their [support](#).*

6. *Q: Are there ways to reduce my member dues?*

A: We encourage locally-organized tract associations to consider a Tract Association membership status with NFH, which comes with a \$5 discount for NFH tract association members, when the local association collects NFH dues and updates its membership information annually.

7. *Q: What are we facing in the future that NFH dues will be helping with?*

A: Nearly all recreation residence permits renew in 10 years. In 7 years, per the Cabin Fee Act, our permit fees will be retained by the local forests where they were collected for use in this program and other recreation. NFH is already thinking ahead and talking to decision-makers. We are currently assisting permit holders in speaking up about changes in Forest Management Plan Revisions that could affect their cabin communities. Last year, members told us they were losing their cabin insurance policies – we acted to find an insurance partner to help.

Every day, we hear from cabin owners. We all face these issues together, and the work ahead is just as important as the work accomplished the past. We must remain vigilant and keep the cabin community healthy and sustainable in the face of changing times.

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