



The Boys and Girls Club Facility

The local Boys and Girls Club facility on the reservation was opened with a grant from the federal government and is running out of money to continue its future operations. Today it is difficult to pay for the maintenance and upkeep of the building. Many local youth from the reservation attend the Boys and Girls Club on a daily basis and enjoy the opportunities it offers.

Trying to solve the problem

The board of directors of the Boys and Girls Club has discussed options and has a community meeting scheduled. A plan is being proposed by the board of directors that would establish a fee for use of the facility by the local youth.

- Children under 6 years of age would be free of charge
- Youth 7–12 years of age would pay \$5.00 per week
- Teens 13–18 years of age would pay \$10.00 per week
- In addition, a proposal is included to charge tribal members an additional \$5.00 per month on their water bill to help offset the cost of operating the club.

People attending the community meeting will be as follows:

Group 1 Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors

You represent the interests of all the citizens who live in the community. Your job is to provide services to youth in a reasonable and fair manner.

Group 2 Family Rights Group

You support the plan. You believe that all citizens deserve to use the facility, even if it means charging at the door or on local water bills.

Group 3 Grant Committee

You disagree with the plan. Your committee provided all the background work to establish the Boys and Girls Club from a federal grant awarded to the community. The grant included money to operate the facility without charging the community members a user fee.

Group 4 Parent Committee

You disagree with the plan. You feel it is not fair to charge for the use of the facility. Furthermore, you disagree with charging tribal members a monthly fee, especially since it is a youth facility and not an overall membership facility. Your group believes that this facility provides a safe place to keep kids busy and away from gangs and street violence.