

Troop 97 Fees & Credits

2024 fees for new Scouts

- \$ 260 Troop 97 annual fee—covers troop program costs, and includes Scout Handbook, troop hat, troop neckerchief, one-piece special troop numeral, and more
- \$ 140 National BSA youth registration fee (may be less if you're already in a Cub Scout pack; may be \$25 more if your Scout has never been registered in a Cub Scout pack or Scout troop). You must pay this fee direct to BSA via their online registration. Troop 97 budgets to cover this cost after the first year.

How about the vital week of summer camp?....

- \$ 685 cost of **2024 summer camp** at BSA Camp Buffalo Bill on the Shoshone River next to Yellowstone National Park, including transportation (*the troop covers the other \$100*)

Other credits?

- \$ +25 credit for siblings in the troop at the same time more: multiple credits for active Scouts & parents, active senior Scouts, and Eagle Scouts

Earning your own way:

- 100% The **pasta supper** is our one annual fund raiser where we expect everyone to participate (it's what pays for most of these credits). Scouts are expected to sell at least eight tickets. Those who sell more get 100% of the extra credited to their 'Scout account'.
- 100% Want to sell **BSA popcorn** or **camp cards**? That's all optional, but you get to keep 100% of your profits in your 'Scout account'.
- 100% **King Soopers credits**? If you shop there, they will donate a percentage of your purchases to the troop, which goes into your 'Scout account'.

Financial Assistance

Thanks to generous donations, the troop is able to provide financial assistance so that every Scout can afford Scouting. All we ask is that Scouts be active and help to pay their own way, especially by selling tickets to our annual Pasta Supper. *Please provide the troop with a very rough estimate of how much you need to take care of annual fees and summer camp (info@troop97.net goes directly to the Scoutmaster).* We also have a uniform exchange with items available for about half of the new price.

We're glad to have your Scout(s) in Troop 97!

Benefits of Scouting

- Scouting is a Game with a Purpose
- Internalizing a code of honor
- Learning leadership
- Developing self-discipline
- Physical, mental, & moral fitness

You can't get what Scouting offers anywhere but in Scouting!

Why Troop 97?

- Successful Scouting since 1952
- Well organized; good communications
- Experienced, trained adult leaders
- Active, year-round program
- Unique Master Camper Award
- Superb high adventure program
- Troop 97 Scouts earn the Eagle Scout honor at several times the national average

Troop 97 Summer Camp

- The week that **starts** the Scout year
- Advancement, merit badges, leadership, self-reliance, fun, swimming, boating, horses, rifle, shotgun, archery....
- Rotation between several camps means the camps never get 'old', and our typical attendance is double the national average.

Troop 97 High Adventure

- Most troops rarely or never offer it
- Nearby 'treks' alternate annually with more exotic 'SuperTreks'
- Things few kids (or parents) have ever done
- Leadership, initiative, self-reliance, maturity, teamwork; a deeply satisfying kind of enjoyment with lifetime memories



Troop 97



What does it cost?



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Online Registration

All youth and adult registration is now online direct to the National BSA via their BeAScout.org website. To register with Troop 97—From www.BeAScout.org:

- Enter ZIP Code **80521** in the ZIP Code box.
- Deselect 'Cub Scouts' and select '**Scouts BSA**'.
- Then click '**Find a Unit**'.
- "**Troop 0097**" (boy troop) and "**Troop 0097**" (girl troop) should be at or near the top. Click the '**APPLY NOW**' box for the appropriate 'boy troop' or 'girl troop', and follow the registration instructions.

If you have questions or issues, please email Scoutmaster Jeff Snowden at info@troop97.net.



Portaging in Canada

What's a 'Scout Account'?

Each family has a 'Scout Account' as long as you are in the troop. Your credits can be used for any Scouting expense, such as annual fee, summer camp, high adventure trek, uniform....

Compare T97 to Any Other Active Troop

Perhaps because we put our expenses 'up front', or because people have heard our 'dues' are 'high', they may think Troop 97 is more expensive than troops with lower 'dues'. The reality is that Scouting in Troop 97 costs **less** than most sports programs or other active troops. But it helps to look at ALL the annual costs of Scouting:

2024 First-Year Costs *	Troop 97	Troop []
Annual fee ('dues')	260	_____
BSA youth registration fee	140 **	140
Scout Life magazine	15 **	15
Scout Handbook	25	25
Troop neckerchief	0	_____
Troop hat	0	_____
Troop nametag	0	_____
Troop T-shirt	18	_____
Scout uniform (full/new)	137 ***	_____
Week at summer camp	685 ****	_____
Weekend campouts (~5@~\$15)	~75	_____
TOTAL FIRST YEAR	1355	_____

[Cost of campouts depends on how many a Scout attends. Cost can include food, transportation, and fees for camporees and other extra-charge activities. Our troop typically offers at least ten weekend campouts throughout the year, plus a week of BSA summer camp, plus a one- to two-week high adventure trek.]

* Second- and later-year expenses are usually lower, since you won't have the 'start-up' costs, and you'll be earning discounts and other credits.

** Your Cub Scout pack may have already paid your 2024 BSA registration. If not, you'll pay BSA directly (online). Optional Scout Life magazine is also paid at the same time.

*** Troop 97 also has a uniform exchange where you can buy uniform items for about half the new price.

**** Thanks to our Pasta Supper, **the troop will cover at least \$100 of the cost of 2024 summer camp**. Cost shown includes transportation to/from camp and sightseeing in Yellowstone National Park.

Check out all those zeroes, where most troops charge extra.

For No Additional Charge

Most of these things cost extra in other troops, but are provided at no additional charge in Troop 97:

- T97 hat & neckerchief
- T97 numeral, nametag, Quality Unit badge
- Substantial reduction to the cost of BSA summer camp

Where will YOU be....?

We do far more than most troops, and accomplish some pretty exotic high adventures. But we have ways to reduce costs significantly, and to provide opportunities for Scouts to earn their own way.

Here's what's YOU can do in Troop 97:

- **Summer Camp Plans**
Colorado—Black Forest, Elevenmile Canyon, Red Feather Lakes
Montana—the BSA's only island summer camp
New Mexico—Sangre de Cristo mountains
South Dakota—Black Hills
Wyoming—right next to Yellowstone National Park
- **Merit Badges**
There's one you earn at home; several you earn indoors; but the rest you earn—at the pool, on a lake, going down a river, camping at 11 000 feet, cross-country skiing at 9000 feet, using a knife, shooting a bow or rifle or shotgun, riding a horse, making a movie, finding your way with a topographic map, using GPS, geocaching, building & launching a model rocket,...
- **Backpacking**
Weekend backpacks in Colorado & Wyoming, followed by week-long treks in seven states and Canada. We'll even climb a mountaintop lighthouse.
- **Canoeing**
Learn on a lake, then paddle 50 miles on the North Platte River in Wyoming. How about voyageur canoeing on the Canada side of the famous Boundary Waters. Or paddle 260 miles on Canada's remote Yukon River almost to the Arctic Circle.
- **Bicycling**
Mountain bike in Utah or ride an old railroad right-of-way in South Dakota.
- **Sailing**
Hoist the sails on a 50-foot sailing ship. On the ocean. You drive—the big ship and the motor launch, too. Set the anchor when it's time to snorkel coral reefs or a shipwreck. Navigate to an island that's beyond the horizon. We put the 'super' in 'SuperTrek'.
- **Sightseeing & Travel**
There's Alaska and Canada's remote Yukon, Boston, New York, Washington DC. Ride a steam train and a modern diesel, and a subway, too. Take passage on an ocean-going ferry. Snorkel a shipwreck. Visit the only US location where cars drive on the left. Explore Juneau and Skagway, Whitehorse and Dawson, Road Town and Harpers Ferry, Spanish Town and Sopers Hole. How about 14 different US and British Caribbean islands, some occupied only by iguanas?