

Troop 97 Credits

2019 annual fee for new Scouts

\$ 180 and that includes BSA registration, Scout Life magazine, Scout Handbook, troop hat, troop neckerchief, & one-piece special troop numeral

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

\$ 485 cost of **2019 BSA summer camp** at the BSA's only island summer camp: Melita Island in Flathead Lake, Montana, including transportatn via charter bus (the troop covers the other \$300)

Other credits?

\$ 50 credit for siblings in the troop at the same time
20% fee reduction for senior Scouts (age 14 & up)
70% fee reduction for 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**? That's optional, but you get to keep 100% of your profits in your 'Scout account'.
- 100% **King Soopers gift cards**? If you shop or buy gas there, you can get a credit of 5% of all your purchases to your 'Scout account'. Last year, that totaled over \$7000.

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....



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
- Many active parents
- Active, year-round program
- Unique Master Camper Award
- Superb high adventure program
- Scouts stay in Troop 97 **three** times the national average
- 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
- Adventure Weekend (important Scouting head start unique to Troop 97)
- 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.

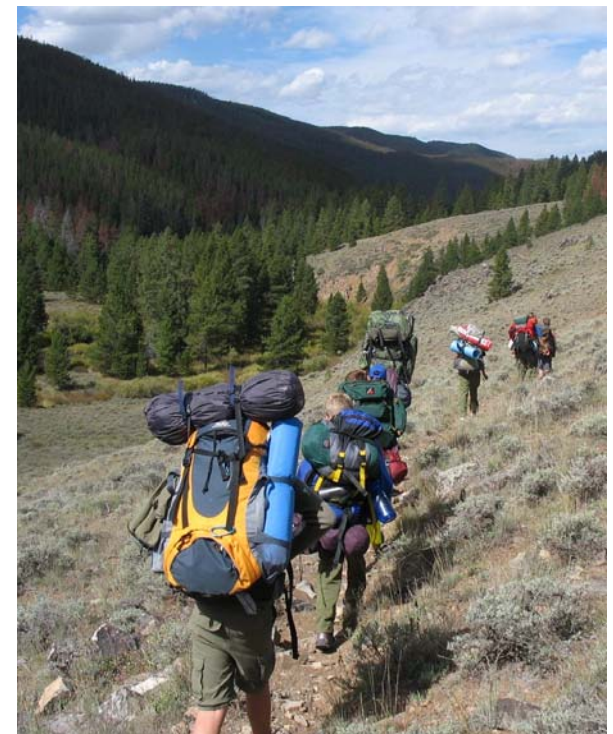
Troop 97 High Adventure

- Most troops rarely or never offer it
- Nearby 'treks' in odd years
- 'Expeditions' & 'SuperTreks' in even years
- Things few kids (and few 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?



(2/2019)

Troop 97 Active Involvement Credits

Because parental involvement is so important, we offer seven credits that cover the broad areas where parent involvement helps all the Scouts in the troop. Depending on the success of the annual pasta supper, the credits are usually worth \$1.00 each. For 2018, the troop has already provided over \$5500 in credits to troop families.

Credits Involvement

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| 300 | Active, trained Scoutmaster |
| 150 | Active, trained Assistant Scoutmaster |
| 75 | Adults active on weekend campouts |
| 125/wk | Summer camp & high adventure 'treks' |
| 100 | Active troop committee member |
| 100 | Key pasta supper committee member |
| variable | Other major contributions |



Portaging in Canada

Compare T97 to Any Other Active Troop

Perhaps because we put our expenses 'up front', or because people have heard our 'dues' are over \$200 [they're actually \$180 for 2019], 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:

| 2019 First-Year Costs * | Troop 97 | Troop [] |
|---|------------|-----------|
| Annual fee ('dues') | 180 | _____ |
| BSA registration/Scout | 0 | _____ |
| Scout Life magazine | 0 | _____ |
| BSA registration/parent | 0 | _____ |
| Scout Handbook | 0 | _____ |
| Troop neckerchief | 0 | _____ |
| Troop hat | 0 | _____ |
| Troop nametag | 0 | _____ |
| Troop T-shirt | 12 | _____ |
| Scout uniform (full) | 105 | _____ |
| Week at summer camp, including charter bus | 485 ** | _____ |
| Weekend campouts (~5@~\$15) | ~75 | _____ |
| TOTAL FIRST YEAR | 857 | _____ |

[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.

** 2019 summer camp to Melita Island will cost more than other summer camps due to the distance and the camp's higher-than-average fees. But this unique camp offers exciting experiences unavailable at other camps.

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
- Scout Handbook
- BSA registration for Scout & parent
- Scout Life magazine
- Substantial reduction to the cost of BSA summer camp

We offer scholarships, too.

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
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Montana—Melita Island in Flathead Lake
New Mexico—Sangre de Cristo mountains
South Dakota—Black Hills
- **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 55-foot sloop. 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?