

## 2017 ANNUAL FEE & SUMMER CAMP—TROOP 97 BSA

### \$ 325 NEW SCOUT FEE

### \$ 310 SUMMER CAMP (including charter bus)

- Please make check payable to Troop 97 BSA and give it to the Scoutmaster.
- You may make several payments, if this is more convenient.
- See Annual Calendar for dates of summer camp & Adventure Weekend.



**NEW SCOUT FEE**—The new Scout fee covers the annual troop & BSA fees for 2017. Our 2017 summer camp will be to Gorham Scout Ranch in the Sangre de Cristo mountains near Chimayo, New Mexico. For safety and comfort, we will travel via charter bus. Thanks to our annual pasta supper, cost of annual fees and summer camp + charter bus are reduced by \$250/Scout! We hope this encourages new Scouts to attend the vital week of summer camp their first year. Once you have been in the troop for a year, you'll have earned troop discounts that further reduce the cost of Scouting in Troop 97.

**BSA CAMP MEDICAL FORM**—The BSA require that each Scout or adult attending summer camp have an annual physical, signed by a doctor. If you or your son have not had a physical within the year prior to camp (since 30 June 2016), you can get a walk-in (no appointment needed) physical for about \$35 at many Urgent Care Center and 'Little Clinic' locations. The BSA medical form needs to be turned in to the Scoutmaster by 22 May 2017. Be sure to get the correct form from the Scoutmaster.

**ARE OTHER TROOPS CHEAPER?**—Compared to most other active troops, Scouting in Troop 97 usually costs less! Our 'annual fees' may start out higher, but when you compare the actual money you will spend for Scouting over the course of a full year, Troop 97 is a bargain, especially with the subsidized cost of summer camp (thanks to our annual pasta supper). Then add in our family discounts and credits, and T97 is hard to beat.

**DISCOUNTS**—The troop gives "activity credits" to reward parental involvement, because your involvement benefits all our Scouts. We estimate that it takes an average of at least 100 credits' involvement from every family to maintain a quality program for our Scouts (the Troop Information Booklet shows all troop jobs and their credits).

Families can use their discounts for annual fees, summer camp, the annual troop Trek, troop T-shirts and fleece jackets, and other Scouting expenses while you are in Troop 97. Scouts are credited with 100% of their annual pasta supper ticket sales beyond the \$64 minimum. Scouts can also sell BSA popcorn (optional) or families can use King Soopers 5% cash-back cards (optional); in either case, 100% of the profit is credited to your Scout account. See the Scoutmaster for more details.

**PARENT JOBS**—What job(s) can you sign up for? You can find jobs that meet your interests, time, and schedule. Our experienced troop adults will be happy to help you learn on the job, plus BSA provides online training courses (usually 30 minutes to an hour), and there is additional training for Assistant Scoutmasters available through the local Scout district. What a great way to get involved with your son, and benefit other boys as well:

- Assistant Scoutmaster (work with the Scouts at meetings and on campouts)
- Campouts (attend weekend campouts)
- Summer Camp (attend the week at summer camp)
- Merit Badge Counselor (teach Scouts about an area of your expertise or hobby interest)
- Advancement Board of Review (help on Boards of Review for Scout ranks)
- Transportation (help coordinator drivers for troop outings)
- Merit Badges (help secure merit badge counselors or coordinate our Merit Badge Midway)
- Service Projects (help coordinate troop and Eagle Scout service projects)
- Troop Committee (attend monthly committee meetings and provide support)
- Pasta Supper planning coordinator
- Pasta Supper ticket coordinator
- Pasta Supper publicity
- Pasta Supper auction/donations
- Ask the Scoutmaster or committee chairman about other opportunities.