

## 2019 ANNUAL FEE & SUMMER CAMP—TROOP 97 BSA

**\$ 180 ANNUAL FEE FOR 2019**  
**\$ < 535 SUMMER CAMP 2019 (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.
- Summer camp is July 12–20, 2019.



**ANNUAL FEE**—The annual fee covers the 2019 troop & BSA fees & expenses. On average the \$180 new Scout fee is about \$60 less than the actual cost to the troop over the course of the year. Our annual pasta supper covers the difference. 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.

**SUMMER CAMP**—Summer camp is important for all Scouts, especially new Scouts, and your son will get to have fun adventures at a variety of BSA summer camps in several states. But our 2019 summer camp is extra special, as we travel by charter bus to the BSA's only island summer camp: Flathead Lake's **Melita Island** near Polson, Montana. The camp's large motor launches will take us to the private island, which has campsites for a couple hundred Scouts, dining hall, trading post (snacks), all the usual camp merit badges, PLUS a boat trip to nearby Wild Horse Island, PLUS fantastic aquatic opportunities (water skiing, motorboating, snorkeling, sailing boats up to 26 feet in length, and more). Ask any Scout who went four years ago how special this camp is. But note that this is likely to be the only opportunity you will ever have to attend this camp!

For safety and comfort, we will travel via charter bus. Thanks to our annual pasta supper, the troop is paying \$300 of the \$835 cost/Scout! That means you get to attend Melita Island, including charter bus transportation, for \$535 (or less). In addition, the troop has pre-paid some new-Scout fees to the camp, which gives us an additional \$200 in discounts which we will split among our 2019 new Scouts (all those who have paid most or all of their 2019 camp fees by 1 April 2019).

**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 31 July 2018), 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 6 May 2019. 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 discounts, and T97 is hard to beat.

**DISCOUNTS**—The troop gives "active parent involvement" credits to reward parental involvement that benefits all our Scouts. Here are the seven broad areas. Ask the Scoutmaster or committee chair for more details how you can help:

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| → Active, trained Scoutmaster             | → Active, trained Assistant Scoutmaster |
| → Active adult on weekend campouts        | → Attend summer camp                    |
| → Attend the annual high adventure 'trek' | → Active troop committee member         |
| → Key pasta supper committee member       | → Other major contributions             |

Families can use their credits 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 also credited with 100% of their annual pasta supper ticket sales beyond the \$64 minimum. And Scouts can 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.

