

2018 New Scout Checklist

It takes a lot of “stuff” to get a boy started in Scouts. This checklist can help you make sure nothing gets overlooked.

Troop 97 BSA

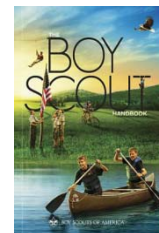


Things to give to the Scoutmaster before we can register your son:

- Completed Boy Scout application for your son
- Completed “General Information” form
- Check for annual fee/summer camp (you are welcome to pay in several installments if you prefer)

Things to get from the Scoutmaster:

- Troop 97 Annual Calendar
- Troop 97 T-shirt (\$12 each)
- Troop 97 fleece jacket (optional; \$39)
(T-shirts and fleece jackets are ordered once a year, in March/April)
- Troop 97 hat (included with annual fee)
- Troop 97 neckerchief (included with annual fee; presented on first campout)
- Boy Scout Handbook, if you don't already have one (included with annual fee)
- Shirt insignia (numeral 97 w/ 55-year bar, Quality Unit (“Journey to Excellence”) badge; included with annual fee)
- Nametag (included with annual fee; we order these two or three times a year)



Official BSA uniform components to get from Scout Distributor: (see details on back!)

- BSA short-sleeved shirt
- BSA pants or shorts (“Switchback” pants have zip-off legs)
- BSA belt/buckle
- BSA dark forest green socks
- BSA dark forest green shoulder loops
- Neckerchief slide (buy, or make your own)
- Official shirt insignia (any Longs Peak Council shoulder patch, World Scout Crest)
- BSA merit badge sash (for formal occasions)

Things you need to do for summer camp:

- Thoroughly read the parent & Scout information booklets for summer camp (available about March).
- Turn in camp medical form signed by parent & doctor to Scoutmaster (by 7 May 2018, if possible).
- Make sure you have the items on the summer camp checklist, including complete uniform and merit badge pamphlets.

Hints:

- Read the Troop Information Booklet and the summer camp booklets thoroughly.
- Come to the new parents orientation meeting on **Monday, 23 April 2018**.
- Sign up for outings by turning in the permission form enclosed with each newsletter.
- Pay food money for *most* outings to your son's **patrol leader** (the newsletter indicates the *occasional* outing where food money is paid to the troop).

Official Uniform Options

Each troop selects from among the many BSA uniform options. Here are details about Troop 97's options (prices are for youth sizes as of August 2017).

The troop newsletter shows which activities require uniform, and calls out any special uniform options (such as T-shirt instead of standard shirt). In general, we wear full uniform to most spring/summer/fall outings and campouts, to most troop meetings, and typically any time we are in the public eye. The uniform is *not* appropriate for most winter campouts, where Scouts should dress for the weather. At most summer meetings, we wear T97 T-shirt instead of standard shirt, but Scouts will need both "full" uniform plus T97 T-shirt at summer camp.

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Pictures and sewing templates are on the troop website (www.troop97.net/t97uniform.htm). Please do NOT buy or use the 'Badge Magic' adhesive kits, which tend to look ratty after the first washing and can damage fabrics.

Uniform Checklist (details below)

From the Store (\$105–112)

- BSA shirt (\$30)
- BSA 'canvas convertible' pants (\$35) or cargo shorts (\$28)
- BSA belt (\$13)
- BSA socks (\$8)
- BSA dark green shoulder loops (\$4)
- BSA merit badge sash (\$10)
- Longs Peak Council shoulder patch (\$4)
- Slide (\$6 or make your own)
- World Scout Crest (\$2)

From the Troop

- T97 hat (free)
- T97 neckerchief (free, first campout)
- numeral 97 w/ 55-year veteran bar (free)
- nametag (free)
- Boy Scout Handbook (free)
- patrol medallion (free)
- Quality Unit ("Journey to Excellence") badge (free)
- T97 T-shirt(s) (\$12) [2 recommended for camp]
- T97 fleece jacket (optional; \$39)

Standard ("Full" or "Class A") Uniform

- **Hat**—Troop 97 baseball-style cap (free). Note that wearing a hat is usually optional, but if a hat is worn, only the Troop 97 cap is allowed.
- **Boy Scout short-sleeved, tan-colored shirt**—*Note that the cotton poplin shirt costs \$10 less than the "polyester microfiber" shirt. Note also that long-sleeved shirts (not recommended) cost more.*
- **Boy Scout dark forest-green pants or shorts**—Shorts are acceptable year-round. Long pants can be worn in fall/winter/spring. Most BSA pants have zip-off legs. Pant legs should be hemmed by folding & sewing inside the leg with no cuff.
- **Boy Scout web belt with Boy Scout buckle**
- **Neckerchief & slide**—Troop 97 neckerchief (free, presented on first campout) & any slide you make or buy.
- **BSA dark forest green socks (low-cut or crew)**—Either the low-cut socks or the crew socks are OK.
- **Footgear**—Any shoes/sneakers with soles suitable for running and playing. Dress shoes **not** recommended.
NO flip-flops, sandals, or 'crocs'.
- **BSA merit badge sash**—Merit badges are sewn 3 across. Sash goes over the **RIGHT** shoulder and **LEFT** hip.
- **Shirt insignia**—Shirt comes with US flag pre-attached on right sleeve. In addition:
 - BSA dark forest green shoulder loops
 - **LEFT SLEEVE**—Longs Peak Council shoulder patch (several versions available), numeral 97 with 55-year veteran unit bar (free from troop)
 - **RIGHT SLEEVE**—US flag, patrol medallion & current-year Quality Unit ('Journey to Excellence') patch (free from troop)
 - **LEFT POCKET**—badge of rank (free from troop) on pocket; Arrow of Light (if earned) below pocket; World Scout Crest above pocket ~3" below shoulder seam
 - **RIGHT POCKET**—troop nametag (free from troop) sewn immediately above BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA strip

Summer ("Class B") Uniform

Same as Standard Uniform **except**:

- Troop 97 T-shirt **OR** any Troop 97 Trek polo shirt

We recommend bringing 2 troop T-shirts to summer camp.

Optional Outerwear

- Appropriate warm outerwear for the conditions
- Troop 97 fleece jacket (\$39) **optional**

Unacceptable Items (applies to everyone on any Scout activity)

BSA policy forbids wearing any garment that displays pictures or messages that are inappropriate to Scouting or to youth activities. These include items with "adult" or sexual content or foul language, racial/ethnic/religious/etc stereotypes or slurs, or anything displaying the name or image of alcohol, tobacco, or marijuana products.