**Troop 97 Facts**
- T97 is really **two** troops: one for boys and one for girls
- 58 Scouts
- 13 active uniformed adult leaders
- More than 50 adults cover numerous support and troop committee roles, including providing merit badge counselors for most of Scouting’s 130+ merit badges
- We meet at St Luke’s Episcopal Church, 2000 Stover St, Fort Collins, 7:00 to 8:15 pm most Mondays
- Email—info@troop97.net

**Visiting T97**
Scouts get to camp, hike, canoe, bike, and generally enjoy challenging adventures in the outdoors.

Troop 97’s year-round program includes:
- 2–3 ‘regular’ Monday meetings most months
- Junior leader planning/training each month
- 1 overnight campout per month
- 1 week at Scout summer camp
- 1–2 week High Adventure Trek (Star rank & up)

You are welcome to visit any meeting and most campouts. Contact the Scoutmaster to verify our schedule and come on by.
Why Choose Scouting?

If you’re looking for a challenging and enjoyable activity that will change your kids’ lives and help them become leaders as well as better adults, where your involvement is vital, then Scouting is what you’re looking for.

A well-rounded youth should have involvements with family, church, school, Scouting, music, sports. Our program makes time for these important commitments, while offering unique opportunities for personal growth and leadership unavailable anywhere else.

Scouting is **GAME** with a **PURPOSE**. It has four ‘Aims’:

- Character
- Citizenship
- Personal Fitness
- Leadership

To fulfill the Aims, good troops use all eight of Scouting’s specific ‘Methods’. It is the combination of these methods that makes Scouting unique:

- Adult Association
- Advancement
- Ideals (Promise, Law, Motto, Slogan)
- Leadership Development
- Outdoors
- Patrol Method
- Personal Growth
- Uniform

You can’t get what Scouting offers anywhere but in Scouting! It’s more than fun—it’s an Adventure!

Why Choose Troop 97?

**The Troop 97 Program of Adventure**

- Adventure for all Scouts (and adults, too)
- Advanced adventures for senior Scouts
- Active, ambitious outdoor program for all Scouts
- Learn leadership by leading, not by watching
- Camping and advancement are our teaching tools
- Our Scouts earn youth’s highest honor—Eagle Scout—at several times the national average

**Summer Camp Adventure with Troop 97**

- 6 to 7 days of swimming, boating, mountain boarding, rifle, shotgun, archery,...
- dining hall or patrol cooking
- lake or heated pool or both
- different camp each year, including several in Colorado plus camps on a Montana island, in South Dakota’s Black Hills, and New Mexico

**T97 High Adventure Expeditions**

Most of your friends—even most adults—will never do anything this adventurous. Here’s what YOU can do!

- **Canoe** 260 miles on a remote Canadian river almost to the Arctic Circle, where you’re so far north the sun sets at midnight—and it never gets dark.
- **Backpack** all over North America. Ever watched a prowling bear from your tent?
- **Sail** a 55-ft sloop-rigged ship on the ocean; snorkel coral reefs and a shipwreck. Explore islands whose only occupants are iguanas and turtles.
- **Travel** by steam train, modern train, subway, floatplane, airplane, sailing ship, ocean-going ferry,...
- **Experience** Boston, Juneau, New York, Whitehorse, Dawson, Caribbean islands. Visit the only US location where cars drive on the left.

Joining the Adventure

To join, the Boy Scouts of America requires minimum age 10 AND either have finished fifth grade OR have earned the Arrow of Light Award OR be age 11 (whichever occurs first). You do not need to have been in Cub Scouts or Webelos.

Troop 97 expects our Scouts to be active, to wear full uniform, and to advance regularly. We expect parents also to be active, which is a strength of the troop.

It’s very important for new Scouts to attend summer camp their first year (which is why our Scoutmaster and a dozen or more of our Assistant Scoutmasters and parents will spend the full week at camp with the Scouts).

For more information, email the Scoutmaster, then come to a meeting or visit a campout.

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