

Troop 97 Credits

2022 annual fee for new Scouts

\$ 275 and that includes BSA registration fees (now \$132), Scout Handbook, troop hat, troop neckerchief, one-piece special troop numeral, and more

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

\$ 410 cost of **2022 summer camp** at Gorham Scout Ranch in northern New Mexico, including the charter bus ride (the troop covers the other \$250)

Other credits?

\$ 25 credit for siblings in the troop at the same time
20% fee reduction for active senior Scouts
70% fee reduction for active 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 seven tickets. Those who sell more get 100% of the extra credited to their 'Scout account'.
- 100% Want to sell **BSA popcorn** or **camp cards**? That's all optional, but you get to keep 100% of your profits in your 'Scout account'.
- 100% **King Soopers credits**? If you shop there, they will donate a percentage of your purchases to the troop, which goes into your 'Scout account'.

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?



(8/2021)

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. Because we couldn't conduct a pasta supper during the Covid pandemic, this year's credits are worth \$0.50 each (most years, they're worth \$1.00).

Credits Involvement

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 'high', 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:

2022 First-Year Costs *	Troop 97	Troop []
Annual fee ('dues')	275	_____
BSA registration fee	0	_____
Local Council fee	0	_____
Scout Life magazine	12	_____
Scout Handbook	0	_____
Troop neckerchief	0	_____
Troop hat	0	_____
Troop nametag	0	_____
Troop T-shirt	15	_____
Scout uniform (full)	110 **	_____
Week at summer camp	410 ***	_____
Weekend campouts (~5@ \$15)	~75	_____
TOTAL FIRST YEAR	897	_____

[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.

** Troop 97 also has a uniform exchange where you can buy uniform items for about half the new price.

*** The 2022 summer camp in New Mexico, including the charter bus ride, actually costs \$660/Scout, but Troop 97 covers \$250 of that for all Scouts thanks to our annual pasta supper.

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 & local Council registration fees (currently \$132)
- 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, Elevenmile Canyon, Red Feather Lakes
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 54-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?