

How to register your **son/daughter** with Troop 97:

IF YOUR SON/DAUGHTER **IS** CURRENTLY REGISTERED (in a local pack or troop)—

- Our Scoutmaster can *probably* 'pull' their registration into the troop IF you give him your child's **registered name, BSA ID#, date of birth, and ZIP code**. If you don't know the BSA ID#, we'll need to check with the old pack or troop.

IF YOUR SON/DAUGHTER IS **NOT** CURRENTLY REGISTERED—

- Go to the BSA's BeAScout website (just type **beascout.org** in your browser address line).
- Enter ZIP code 80521 (for general Fort Collins)—that should show Troop 97 at or near the top of the list.
- De-select the "Cub Scouts" box and select the "Scouts BSA" box, then click on "Find a Unit".
- Find the two "Troop 0097" listings (one says "Boy Troop" and one says "Girl Troop"). Click on the "Apply Now" button for the appropriate boy or girl Troop 97.
- Then follow the indicated steps. At the end you'll need to pay the National BSA registration fee with a credit card (see below). Regardless of when you join, you'll be charged the annual fee for the next 12 months.

National BSA Online Registration Fees for Youth

\$ 80.00	Annual registration fee
\$ 25.00	National BSA New Member 'Joining Fee' (one-time fee charged if a youth has never been BSA-registered before)
\$ 15.00	Scout Life magazine one-year subscription (optional)
\$ 3%	BSA administrative (credit card) fee
\$ 82.40	TOTAL (existing Scout, no Scout Life)
\$ 97.85	TOTAL (existing Scout, with Scout Life)
\$ 108.15	TOTAL (new Scout, no Scout Life)
\$ 123.60	TOTAL (new Scout, with Scout Life)

How to register as a **volunteer adult** with Troop 97:

The BSA now requires **all** adults who go on any overnight activity to be BSA-registered. Plus we know that Scouts are more successful with parental involvement. We encourage at least one parent of every Scout to register, and the troop provides a discount toward the annual BSA registration fee for active parents.

STEP 1:

- If you haven't taken the BSA online Youth Protection Training (takes just over an hour) in the past two years, go to your "MyScouting" account and take the latest course. Be sure to email the completion certificate (which BSA automatically sends to you within a few hours of completing the course) to the Scoutmaster (info@troop97.net).

STEP 2 (whether or not you are currently registered):

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- Find the two "Troop 0097" listings (one says "Boy Troop" and one says "Girl Troop"). Click on the "Apply Now" button for the appropriate boy or girl Troop 97.
- Then follow the indicated steps. You can use the same "MyScouting" account you created when registering your Scout. If you are currently registered, you shouldn't have to pay anything. If not currently registered, you'll need to pay the National BSA registration fee for one year with a credit card.

National BSA Online Registration Fees for Adults

\$ 60.00	Annual Registration Fee
\$ 3%	BSA Administrative (credit card) Fee
\$ 61.80	TOTAL for a new adult

Staying Connected with Troop 97

- **BAND app**—Troop 97 uses the social media app "Band" for communicating announcements, calendar events, chat messaging for campouts, and to share photos of our activities. It's also private (only current Troop 97 Scouts & families). Click on the link near the top of the troop97.net Member Only Page, and follow the simple instructions. **Every troop family needs the BAND app to stay informed—otherwise you'll miss important dates or calendar changes!**
- **Website**—The www.troop97.net website has tons of useful information. For information directly helpful to new families, old families, Scouts & leaders, click on "Troop 97 BSA" or "Troop 97 Info" on the left-side menu.
- **Member Only page**—The secure Member Only page has non-public info like the troop roster, recent newsletters, annual calendar, advancement & camping records, forms for campouts, summer camp, and high adventure treks. From anywhere on the troop97.net website, click on "Troop 97 BSA" or "Troop 97 Info" on the left-side menu, then click on the "Member Only Area" button near the bottom of that page. You'll need your user ID and password (get from the Scoutmaster).
- **Newsletter**—The troop mails its newsletter, including campout/activity permission/signup forms, monthly.
- **Email**—The troop sends out reminders and late-breaking news via email. You can also email the Scoutmaster with questions: info@troop97.net.
- **Free King Soopers credits**—If you shop or buy gas at King Soopers/Kroger, they will send a percentage of your purchases to the charity of your choice. If that is Troop 97, your credit goes into your Scout account to use for any Scouting expenses. Be sure to use your Soopers affinity card when you shop. To set up your account, just go to www.kingsoopers.com. Under "Save", click on "King Soopers Community Rewards", then on "Enroll Now". Finally, you need to select the organization to receive your credits. For Troop 97, under "Community Rewards" in your account, select either "VM833" or "**Scout Troop 97 BSA in Fort Collins**". [Note that there may be other "Troop 97's" in other states.] **Encourage your relatives, friends, neighbors, members of Congress, etc, to designate "Scout Troop 97 BSA in Fort Collins" too! It doesn't cost them anything to do so.**