

## Troop 97 Fees & Credits

### 2026 fees for new Scouts

\$ 100 or \$0—Troop 97 annual fee—covers troop program costs, and includes *Scout Handbook, troop hat, troop neckerchief, one-piece special troop numeral, and much more.* It's \$100: *BUT if a parent registers with T97; it's \$0.* [Yes! Your involvement is vital for your child and others.]

\$ 168+96—National BSA youth+adult registration fees (one or both *may already have been paid if you're in a Cub Scout pack*). You must pay these fees directly to BSA via their online registration. Troop 97 budgets to cover them after the first year.

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

\$ 350 Cost of **2026 summer camp & transportation to Medicine Mountain Scout Ranch** in the Black Hills of South Dakota (*the troop covers the other \$240!*)

### Other credits?

\$ +100 Credit for siblings in the troop at the same time more: Additional credits for active Scouts & parents

### 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 eight 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'.

### Financial Assistance

Thanks to generous donations, the troop is able to provide financial assistance so that every Scout can afford Scouting. All we ask is that Scouts be active and help to pay their own way, especially by selling tickets to our annual Pasta Supper. *Please provide the troop with a very rough estimate of how much you need to take care of annual fees and summer camp ([info@troop97.net](mailto:info@troop97.net) goes directly to the Scoutmaster).* We also have a low-priced uniform exchange.

We're glad to have your Scout(s) in Troop 97!



## 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
- Active, year-round program
- Unique Master Camper Award
- Superb high adventure program
- 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
- 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' alternate annually with more exotic 'SuperTreks'
- Things few kids (or 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?



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## Online Registration

All youth and adult registration is now online direct to the National BSA via their BeAScout.org website. To register with Troop 97—go to the [www.troop97.net](http://www.troop97.net) website:

- Near the bottom of that page click on the appropriate blue “Adventure!” button (one for boys and one for girls). These buttons will take you directly to the correct signup page in [beascout.org](http://beascout.org) for Troop 97.



- Then follow the indicated steps for “Youth” or “Adult”.

If you have questions or issues, please email Scoutmaster Jeff Snowden at [info@troop97.net](mailto:info@troop97.net).

## 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....



Portaging in Canada

## Compare T97 to Any Other Active Troop

When you add up *all* the expenses, Troop 97 costs *less* than most sports programs or other active troops.

2026 First-Year Costs *	Troop 97	Troop [ ]
Annual fee ('dues')	0	_____
BSA youth registration fee	168 **	_____ 168
BSA adult registration fee	96 **	_____ 96
Scout Handbook	0	_____ 25
Troop neckerchief	0	_____
Troop hat	0	_____
Troop nametag	0	_____
Troop T-shirt	14	_____
Scout uniform (full/new) [T97 covers the other \$55]	132 ***	_____
Week at summer camp	350 ****	_____
<b>TOTAL FIRST YEAR</b>	<b>760</b>	_____

\* 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.

\*\* Your Cub Scout pack may have already paid your 2026 BSA registration. If not, you'll pay BSA directly (online). Optional Scout Life magazine is also paid at the same time.

\*\*\* Troop 97 also has a uniform exchange where you can buy uniform items for much less than the new price.

\*\*\*\* Thanks to our Pasta Supper, *the troop will cover \$240 of the cost of 2026 summer camp.*

Only cost for most weekend campouts is for meals.

Check out all those zeroes, where most troops charge extra.

## Troop 97 covers \$320 your first year

Most of these things cost extra in other troops, but are provided at no additional charge in Troop 97:

- Scout Handbook (*saves you \$25*)
- T97 hat/neckerchief/slide, one-piece T97 numeral, nametag, Quality Unit badge, shoulder loops, patrol medallion, rank badge (*saves you \$55*)
- Substantial reduction to the cost of BSA summer camp (*saves you \$240*)

## Summary of Your Start-up Costs

Actual Cost	Troop Subsidy	You Pay	
<b>To the Troop—</b>			
275	-275	0	troop dues
590	-240	350	summer camp fee + travel
14	—	14	T97 t-shirt
<b>To the BSA—</b>			
168	—	168	BSA/AWC reg./Scout
96	—	96	BSA/AWC reg./adult
<b>To the Scout Store—</b>			
187	-55	132	uniform *
25	-25	0	Scout Handbook *
<b>Total Start-up Cost—</b>			
<b>1355</b>	<b>-595</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

[This assumes buying a brand-new uniform & not using our uniform exchange.]

**Other Costs during the Year—**  
~\$15/campout for meals

## Second-year Costs—

- more discounts
- more fund-raising options
- NO new uniform items or Handbook (unlike Cub Scouts)
- Scouts who participate in popcorn sales and Troop Supper can cover most or all of their expenses.

## \* Uniform & Scout Handbook

Here are the current costs if you buy a brand-new uniform. Note that our uniform exchange can provide most of the four items you need to buy for less than half the cost.

### You need to buy:

- BSA shirt; BSA pants or shorts; BSA belt; BSA socks
- Cost about \$132
- Our uniform exchange can cut that in half or less.*

### The troop provides:

- Scout Handbook
- T97 hat, neckerchief & slide, one-piece troop numeral, nametag, shoulder loops, patrol medallion, rank badges, Quality Unit badge
- Saves you about \$80*