

Troop 97 Credits

Pay full fees? Maybe when you first join. But after that?....

\$ 50	fee reduction for active Scout & parent
25	credit for turning in annual forms on time
40	credit if a parent attends the Adventure Weekend
50	credit for 2 brothers in the troop
100	credit for senior Scouts (over age 16)
200	credit for Eagle Scouts

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

\$ 0	amount first-year Scouts pay for summer camp
80	average cost of summer camp for active Scouts after year 1

Earning your own way:

- 50% 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 \$60 in tickets. Those who sell more get 50% credited to their 'Scout account'.
- 100% Want to sell BSA popcorn? That's optional, but you get to keep 100% of your profits in your 'Scout account'.

What's a 'Scout Account'?

Each family has a 'Scout Account' as long as you are in the troop. Your discounts and credits can be used for any Scouting expense, such as annual fee, summer camp, high adventure trek, uniform,... Discount 'points' (see inside) are credited 75% for any Scouting expense, and 25% specifically for uniform items.



Benefits of Scouting

- Fun 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 for over 50 years
- Well organized; good communications
- Experienced, trained adult leaders
- Many active parents
- Active, year-round program
- Unique Master Camper Award
- Superb high adventure program
- Boys stay in Troop 97 **three** times the national average
- Troop 97 Scouts earn the Eagle Scout honor at **12** 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 average attendance is 83%.

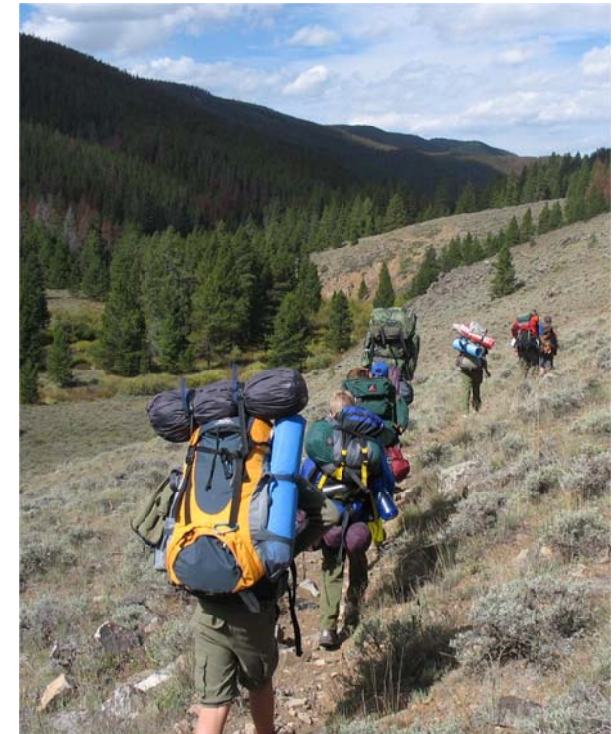
Troop 97 High Adventure

- Most troops rarely or never offer it
- Nearby 'treks' in odd years
- 'Expeditions' & 'SuperTreks' in even years
- Things few boys (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?



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Troop 97 Discount "Points"

Because parental involvement is so important, we offer discount "points" to reduce costs for involvement. We hope each family will earn at least 100 points, so the first 100 points are worth 50 cents each, and any points beyond that are worth \$2 each. The average Troop 97 family earns about 150 points.

Points Involvement

Uniformed Adult Leader:

60Scoutmaster
 30Assistant Scoutmaster
 40attend over 50% of troop functions

Direct Support:

60 Boy Scout Leader Training
 2 ea Board of Review Member
 20 ea Winter Campout Adult
 10 ea Non-winter Campout Adult
 50 Summer Camp Adult
 50 Annual Trek Adult
 5/Sct..... Merit Badge Counselor

Troop Committee:

50 Chairman
 40 Treasurer
 35 Outdoor/Activities Area
 35 Advancement Area
 30 Secretary
 30 Quartermaster/Inventory
 30 Uniform Exchange
 30 Uniform Credit Purchases
 30 Board of Review Coordinator
 30 Service Project Coordinator
 30 Merit Badge Coordinator
 30 Potluck Suppers
 30 Chartered Representative
 10 ea Transportation Setup
 20 attend over 50% of committee meetings

Troop Supper:

50 Key Coordinators
 40 Tickets
 40 Publicity
 40 Donations
 5/shift participate during Supper

Other Support:

5 ea Copying/printing/sewing/ artwork/etc.
 5 ea Other support/fund raising
 var. Major special projects

Compare T97 to Any Other Active Troop

Perhaps because we put our expenses 'up front', or because people hear our 'dues' are over \$200, 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 most troops. But it helps to look at ALL the annual costs of Scouting:

First-Year Expenses	Troop 97	Troop []
Annual Fee ('dues')	275	_____
BSA Registration/Scout	0	_____
Boys Life Magazine	0	_____
BSA Registration/parent	0	_____
Boy Scout Handbook	0	_____
Troop Neckerchief	0	_____
Troop T-shirt	0	_____
Troop Hat	0	_____
Scout Uniform (T97)	85	_____
Week at Summer Camp	0	_____
Weekend Campouts (~5@\$8)	~40	_____
TOTAL FIRST YEAR	400	_____

[Cost of campouts depends on how many your son attends. Cost can include food, transportation, and fees for camporees and other extra-charge activities.]

Second-Year Expenses	Troop 97	Troop []
Annual Fee ('dues')	65	_____
BSA Registration/Scout	0	_____
Boys Life Magazine	0	_____
BSA Registration/parent	0	_____
Replace outgrown T-shirt	0	_____
Replacement outgrown uniform	0	_____
Week at Summer Camp	80	_____
Weekend Campouts (~5@\$8)	~40	_____
TOTAL SECOND YEAR	185	_____

NOTE—T97 second-year annual fees and summer camp are the average paid by active families after discount credits. Actual cost depends on how active parents are. Some Scouts pay \$0.

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 T-shirt (one every year at summer camp)
- T97 hat & neckerchief
- T97 numeral, nametag, Quality Unit badge
- Boy Scout Handbook
- BSA registration for boy & parent
- Boys Life magazine

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 ways for Scouts to earn their own way.

Here's what's YOU can do in Troop 97:

- **Summer Camp**
 Elevenmile Canyon of Colorado
 Black Forest of Colorado
 Black Hills of South Dakota
- **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, geocaching, building & launching a model rocket,...
- **Backpacking**
 Weekend backpacks in Colorado & Wyoming, followed by 30-mile to 90-mile treks in Alaska, British Columbia (Canada), Maryland, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, West Virginia, even on the only one-way trail in North America—ever backpacked from one country into another?
- **Canoeing**
 Learn on a lake, then paddle 116 miles down the Green River in Utah, 110 miles through Montana's Missouri Breaks, 200 miles down the Yukon River in northern Canada. Did we mention the jet boat?
- **Bicycling**
 Mountain bike in Utah, ride an old railroad right-of-way (even through 4 hard-rock tunnels) in South Dakota.
- **Sailing**
 Hoist the sails on a 50-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.
- **Sightseeing & Travel**
 We're not just talking about Alaska, or Canada's remote Yukon Territory, or Washington DC. Ride an historic train and a modern one, and a subway, too. Take passage on an ocean-going ferry and on a hydrofoil. Snorkel a shipwreck. Watch the sun set—at midnight. Go so far north it never gets dark. Visit the only US location where cars drive on the left.