

2010 ANNUAL FEE & SUMMER CAMP—TROOP 97 BSA



\$ 275 NEW SCOUT FEE **85 2010 SUMMER CAMP BUS SURCHARGE**

- Please make check payable to Troop 97 BSA and give it to the Scoutmaster.
- You may make several payments, if this is more convenient.
- See Annual Calendar for date of summer camp & Adventure Weekend.

NEW SCOUT FEE—The new Scout fee covers the 2010 annual troop fee—plus 2010 summer camp! We hope this encourages new Scouts to attend the vital week of summer camp their first year. Because we are going to camp in South Dakota this year, the troop is collecting \$85/new Scout to cover the cost of the charter bus (actual cost of camp is \$255 camp fee plus \$100 bus cost).

Active new Scouts will actually receive at least **\$425** in credits—\$270 summer camp costs, \$115 in direct benefits (Boy Scout Handbook, neckerchief, hat, T-shirt, nametag, other insignia, adult and Scout registration, Boys Life and Scouting magazines, mandatory insurance, ranks and merit badges, newsletter, etc), plus a \$40 credit toward next year's fees (if the Scout *and a parent* both attend the 2010 Adventure Weekend).

Your fee covers the rest of this calendar year, including summer camp (not bad when you get \$150 more benefit than you paid). We collect annual forms and fees in September for the coming calendar year. Most families see their fees decline significantly based on their involvement, especially after they have been in the troop for over a year. For example, in 2009, our fully active Scouts paid an average of \$65 for annual fees and \$80 for summer camp, while even the less-active Scouts paid an average of \$110 for annual fees and \$121 for summer camp.

PARENT JOBS—What job(s) can you sign up for? You can find job(s) that meet your interests, time, and schedule. The local Scout district provides training, and our experienced troop adults will be happy to help you learn on the job. What a great way to get involved with your son, and benefit other boys as well:

- Assistant Scoutmaster (work with the Scouts at meetings and on campouts)
- Campouts (attend weekend campouts)
- Summer Camp (attend the week at summer camp)
- Merit Badge Counselor (teach Scouts about an area of your expertise or hobby interest)
- Advancement Board of Review (help on Boards of Review for Scout ranks)
- Transportation (help coordinator drivers for troop outings)
- Merit Badges (help secure merit badge counselors or coordinate our Merit Badge Midway)
- Service Projects (help coordinate troop and Eagle Scout service projects)
- Troop Committee (attend monthly committee meetings and provide support)
- Troop Pasta Supper planning coordinator
- Troop Pasta Supper ticket coordinator
- Troop Pasta Supper publicity
- Troop Pasta Supper auction/donations
- Ask the Scoutmaster or committee chairman about other opportunities.

DISCOUNTS—The troop gives “activity credits” to reward parental involvement, because your involvement benefits all our Scouts. We estimate that it takes an average of at least 100 credits' involvement from every family to maintain a quality program for our Scouts (the Troop Information Booklet shows all troop jobs and their credits).

Families can use their discounts for annual fees, summer camp, the annual troop Trek, troop T-shirts and fleece jackets, and other troop expenses. Scouts are credited with a percentage of their annual pasta supper ticket sales. Scouts can also sell BSA popcorn (optional), and 100% of their sales profit is credited to their Scout account. See the Scoutmaster for more details.