

2012 New Scout Checklist

It takes a lot of “stuff” to get a boy started in Scouts. This checklist can help you make sure nothing gets overlooked.

Troop 97 BSA



Things to give to the Scoutmaster before we can register your son:

- Completed Boy Scout application for your son
- Completed “General Information” form
- Completed “Annual BSA Health and Medical Record” Parts A & B for your son and for both parents (BSA requirement for all outings)
- Check for annual fee/summer camp (you are welcome to pay in installments)

Things to get from the Scoutmaster:

- Troop 97 Information Booklet
- Troop 97 Annual Calendar
- Troop 97 T-shirt (1 free to each new Scout in June, extras are \$12.00 each)
- Troop 97 fleece jacket (optional; \$35.00)
(T-shirts and fleece jackets are ordered once a year, in March/April)
- Troop 97 hat (included with annual fee)
- Troop 97 neckerchief (included with annual fee; presented on first campout)
- Boy Scout Handbook, if you don't already have one (included with annual fee)
- Shirt insignia (numeral 97 w/ 50-year bar, Quality Unit badge; included with annual fee)
- Nametag (included with annual fee)

Official BSA uniform components to get from Scout Distributor: (see details on back!)

- BSA short-sleeved shirt (available in cotton/poly or nylon)
- BSA pants (available in cotton/poly or nylon; all have zip-off legs)
NOTE—The cotton/poly shirt & pants are much less expensive than the nylon versions.
- BSA belt/buckle
- BSA low-cut dark forest green socks
- BSA dark forest green shoulder loops
- Neckerchief slide (buy, or make your own)
- Official shirt insignia (Longs Peak Council shoulder patch, World Scout Crest)
- BSA merit badge sash (for formal occasions)

Things you need to do for summer camp:

- Thoroughly read the parent & Scout information booklets for summer camp.
- Turn in camp medical form signed by parent & doctor to Scoutmaster as soon as possible.
- Make sure you have the items on the summer camp checklist, including complete uniform and merit badge pamphlets.

Hints:

- Read the Troop Information Booklet and the summer camp booklets thoroughly.
- Come to the new parents orientation meeting on **Monday, April 9, 2012.**
- Sign up for outings by turning in the permission form enclosed with each newsletter.
- Pay food money for *most* outings to your son's **patrol leader** (the newsletter indicates the *occasional* outing where food money is paid to the troop).

Official Uniform Options

Troop 97 BSA

Each troop selects from among the many BSA uniform options. Here are details about Troop 97's options (prices are for "youth regular" sizes as of January 2012).

The troop newsletter shows which activities require uniform, and calls out any special uniform options (such as T-shirt instead of standard shirt). In general, we wear full uniform to meetings and "fair-weather" outings and campouts, and typically any time we are in the public eye. The uniform is *not* appropriate for most cold-weather campouts, where Scouts should dress for the weather. At most summer meetings, we wear "summer" uniform, but Scouts will need both "full" and "summer" uniforms at summer camp.



Uniform Checklist (details below)

From the Store (\$96)

- BSA shirt (\$25)
- BSA pants (\$35)
- BSA belt (\$11)
- BSA socks (\$6)
- BSA dark green shoulder loops (\$2.50)
- BSA merit badge sash (\$7)
- Longs Peak Council shoulder patch (\$4)
- Woggle (slide) (\$4 or make your own)
- World Scout Crest (\$1.50)

From the Troop (\$70 value for free)

- T97 hat (free)
- T97 neckerchief (free, first campout)
- numeral 97 w/ 50-year veteran bar (free)
- nametag (free)
- T97 T-shirt (free), 1 extra recommended (\$12)
- Boy Scout Handbook (free)
- patrol medallion (free)
- Quality Unit badge (free)
- T97 fleece jacket (optional; \$35)

Standard ("Full" or "Class A") Uniform

- **Hat**—Troop 97 baseball-style cap (free). Note that wearing a hat is usually optional, but if a hat is worn, only the Troop 97 cap is allowed.
- **Boy Scout short-sleeved, tan-colored shirt**—Available in poplin (cotton/poly, \$25) or nylon (\$35).
- **Boy Scout dark forest-green pants**—Available in 'canvas' (cotton/poly, \$35) or nylon (\$40). Both come with zip-off legs for warmer weather. Adult sizes come in either 'classic' or 'relaxed' fit. Pant legs should be hemmed by folding & sewing inside the leg with no cuff.
NOTE—The cotton/poly shirt & pants are comfortable and practical, and are less expensive than the nylon versions. Note also that the long-sleeved shirts (which we do NOT recommend) cost much more than the short-sleeved shirts.
- **Boy Scout web belt with Boy Scout buckle** (\$11).
- **Neckerchief & slide**—Troop 97 neckerchief (free, presented on first campout) & any slide you make or buy (BSA slide is \$4).
- **BSA low-cut, dark forest green socks** (\$6)—Do **not** get the crew socks.
- **Footgear**—Any shoes with soles suitable for running and playing. Dress shoes and 'croc'-styles **not** recommended. Sandals are OK, *but must be worn with Scout socks!* **NO** flip-flops.
- **BSA merit badge sash** (\$7)—Available in two lengths. Merit badges are sewn 3 across. Sash goes over the **RIGHT** shoulder and **LEFT** hip.
- **Shirt insignia**—Shirt comes with US flag pre-attached on right sleeve. In addition:
 - BSA dark forest green shoulder loops (\$2.50)
 - LEFT SLEEVE—Longs Peak Council shoulder patch (\$4, several versions available), numeral 97 with 50-year veteran unit bar (free from troop)
 - RIGHT SLEEVE—US flag, patrol medallion & current-year Quality Unit patch (free from troop)
 - LEFT POCKET—badge of rank (free from troop) on pocket; Arrow of Light (if earned) below pocket; World Scout Crest (\$1.50) above pocket ~3" below shoulder seam
 - RIGHT POCKET—troop nametag on pocket flap (first one free from troop)

Summer ("Class B") Uniform

Same as Standard Uniform **except**:

- Troop 97 T-shirt (\$12) **OR** any Troop 97 Trek polo shirt

Note that all Scouts who go to summer camp get 1 free T-shirt each summer. We recommend bringing 2 troop T-shirts to summer camp.

Optional Outerwear

- Appropriate warm outerwear for the conditions
- Troop 97 fleece jacket (\$35.00) **optional**

Unacceptable Items (applies to everyone on any Scout activity)

BSA policy forbids wearing any garment that displays pictures or messages that are inappropriate to Scouting or to youth activities. These include items with "adult" or sexual content or foul language, racial/ethnic/religious/etc stereotypes or slurs, or anything displaying the name or image of alcohol or tobacco products.