

Troop 97 Fees & Credits

2025 fees for new Scouts

- \$ 95 Troop 97 annual fee—covers troop program costs, and includes *Scout Handbook*, *troop hat*, *troop neckerchief*, *one-piece special troop numeral*, and more
- \$ 168 National BSA youth registration fee (*may already have been paid if you're in a Cub Scout pack*). You must pay this fee directly to BSA via their online registration. Troop 97 budgets to cover this cost after the first year.

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

- \$ 300 cost of **2025 summer camp** at Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch in the Colorado Black Forest (*the troop covers the other \$175!*)

Other credits?

- \$ +25 credit for siblings in the troop at the same time more: multiple credits for active Scouts & parents, active senior Scouts, and Eagle Scouts

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 goes directly to the Scoutmaster).* We also have a uniform exchange with items available for less than half of the new price.

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

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....

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 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 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.



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.

2025 First-Year Costs *	Troop 97	Troop []
Annual fee ('dues')	95	
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	18	
Scout uniform (full/new)	162 ***	
Week at summer camp	300 ****	
TOTAL FIRST YEAR	839	

* 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 2025 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 less than half the new price.

**** Thanks to our Pasta Supper, *the troop will cover \$175 of the cost of 2025 summer camp.*

Only cost for most weekend campouts is a food allowance.

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:

- 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 \$60*)
- Substantial reduction to the cost of BSA summer camp (*saves you \$175*)

Summary of Your Start-up Costs

Actual Cost ↓	Troop Subsidy ↓	You Pay ↓	
To the Troop—			
264	-169	95	troop dues
475	-175	300	summer camp fee
18	—	18	T97 t-shirt
To the BSA—			
168	—	168	BSA/AWC reg./Scout
96	—	96	BSA/AWC reg./adult
To the Scout Store—			
217	-55	162	uniform *
25	-25	0	Scout Handbook *
Total Start-up Cost—			
1263	-424	839	TOTAL

[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/pants or shorts/belt/socks
- Cost about \$162
- 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 \$85*