

## 2022 New Scout Checklist

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

### Things to give to the Scoutmaster before we can register your new Scout:

- ☐ Completed BSA Scout application form
- ☐ Completed "General Information" form
- ☐ Check for annual fee & summer camp (you are welcome to pay in several installments); add \$12 if you want **Scout Life** magazine

### Things to get from the Scoutmaster:

- ☐ Troop 97 Annual Calendar
- ☐ Troop 97 T-shirt (\$15 each)
- ☐ Troop 97 fleece jacket (optional; \$45)  
(**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)
- ☐ Scout Handbook, if you don't already have one (there are now separate handbooks for boys and girls, but with identical content except for pictures)
- ☐ Shirt insignia (special one-piece numeral 97, "Journey to Excellence" quality troop badge, patrol medallion; included with annual fee)
- ☐ Nametag (included with annual fee; we order these a couple times a year)

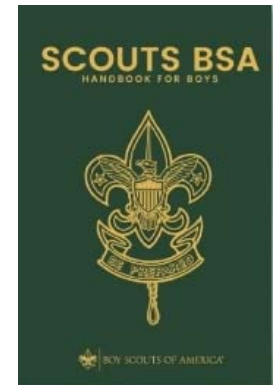
### Official BSA uniform components to get from Scout Distributor:

- ☐ Complete Scout uniform (**see sewing template and checklist on back**)

### Hints for summer camp and general activities:

- ☐ Thoroughly read the parent & Scout information booklets for summer camp (available about March).
- ☐ Turn in camp medical form signed by parent & doctor (by 2 May 2022, if possible; see special instructions below).
- ☐ Make sure you have the items on the summer camp checklist.
- ☐ Read the newsletters and the summer camp booklets thoroughly.
- ☐ Come to the new parents orientation meeting on **Monday, 11 April 2022**.
- ☐ Sign up for outings by turning in the **permission form** enclosed with each newsletter.
- ☐ Pay food money for *most* outings to the Scoutmaster (cash or check payable to Troop 97 BSA).

## Troop 97 BSA



## 2022 Annual Expenses

Please see the Troop 97 "**What does it cost**" handout for details about annual fee, summer camp, and other year-round costs, along with ways to reduce costs, and financial assistance.

**SUMMER CAMP**—Summer camp is vitally important for all Scouts, especially new Scouts, and they will get to have fun adventures at a variety of BSA summer camps in several states while learning and accomplishing a year's worth of Scouting in one week. A successful 2022 Pasta Supper should allow us to reduce camp & charter bus cost by \$250/Scout. 2022 summer camp will be at Gorham Scout Ranch (Chimayo, New Mexico), with travel via charter bus, from 25 June through 2 July 2022.

**BSA CAMP MEDICAL FORM**—The BSA require that each Scout or adult attending summer camp have an annual physical, signed by a doctor. If you or your Scout have not had a physical within the year prior to camp (since 3 July 2021), you can get a walk-in (no appointment needed) physical for about \$35 at many Urgent Care Center and 'Little Clinic' locations. Target deadline is 2 May 2022.

## Staying Connected with Troop 97

- ☐ **BAND app**—Troop 97 uses the social media app "Band" for communicating announcements, calendar events, chat messaging for campouts, and to share photos of our activities. It's also private (only current Troop 97 Scouts & families). Click on the link near the top of the troop97.net Member Only Page, and follow the simple instructions. **Every troop family needs the BAND app to stay informed—otherwise you'll miss important dates or calendar changes!**
- ☐ **Website**—The [www.troop97.net](http://www.troop97.net) website has tons of useful information. For information directly helpful to new families, old families, Scouts & leaders, click on "Troop 97 BSA" or "Troop 97 Info" on the left-side menu.
- ☐ **Member Only page**—The secure Member Only page has non-public info like the troop roster, recent newsletters, annual calendar, advancement & camping records, forms for campouts, summer camp, and high adventure treks. From anywhere on the troop97.net website, click on "Troop 97 BSA" or "Troop 97 Info" on the left-side menu, then click on the "Member Only Area" button near the bottom of that page. You'll need your user ID and password (get from the Scoutmaster).
- ☐ **Newsletter**—The troop mails its newsletter, including campout/activity permission forms, monthly.
- ☐ **Email**—The troop sends out reminders and late-breaking news via email. You can also email the Scoutmaster if you have questions ([info@troop97.net](mailto:info@troop97.net)).



# 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 sizes as of May 2022).



The troop newsletter shows which activities require uniform. We typically wear full uniform to most spring/summer/ fall outings and campouts, to most troop meetings, and whenever we are in the public eye. Scouts should dress for the weather for most winter campouts. For most June/July/August meetings, we wear T97 T-shirt instead of standard shirt, but Scouts will need both "full" uniform plus T97 T-shirt at summer camp.

- We encourage you **NOT** to use the '**Badge Magic**' adhesive kits, which tend to look ratty after the first washing and can damage fabrics.
- **DON'T** buy T-shirts or hats at the Scout Store for uniform wear. These are **NOT** Troop 97 uniform options!

## Uniform Checklist

### From the Scout Store

- ☐ **BSA short-sleeved, tan-colored shirt** (\$40)—Available as left-over-right buttoning or right-over-left buttoning shirt.
- ☐ **BSA dark forest-green shorts** (\$33) or '**Switchback**' pants (with zip-off legs; \$38)—Shorts are acceptable year-round. Long pants can be worn in fall/winter/spring. Pant legs should be hemmed by folding & sewing inside the leg with no cuff. Girls can wear any boys or girls options. *Note that the girls 'roll-up' pants cost more than most other options. We do NOT recommend 'skorts'.*
- ☐ **BSA belt & buckle** (\$20)
- ☐ **BSA dark forest-green socks** (\$10)—Either the low-cut socks or the crew socks are OK. Note that socks ARE a part of the uniform.
- ☐ **BSA dark green shoulder loops** (\$5)
- ☐ **BSA merit badge sash** (\$15)—Merit badges are sewn 3 across. Sash goes over the **RIGHT** shoulder and **LEFT** hip.
- ☐ **Adventure West Council shoulder patch** (\$5)—top of left sleeve.
- ☐ **Neckerchief slide ('woggle')** (\$8 or make your own!)
- ☐ **World Scout crest**—usually comes pre-sewn above left pocket about midway between top of pocket and shoulder seam.

### From the Troop

- ☐ **T97 hat** (free)—Note that wearing a hat is usually optional, but if a hat is worn, only the Troop 97 cap is allowed.
- ☐ **T97 neckerchief** (free, presented on first campout with the troop).
- ☐ **Special one-piece numeral 97** (free)—below and touching the Adventure West Council patch.
- ☐ **Nametag** (free)—Ordered a couple times/year by the troop. Sew immediately above the BSA or BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA embroidered lettering above the right pocket.
- ☐ **Patrol medallion** (free)—below and touching the US flag.
- ☐ **"Journey to Excellence" (quality troop) badge** (free)—below and touching the patrol medallion (leave a 2-inch gap between the flag & the "JTE" patch if you don't yet have a patrol medallion). Note that the JTE patch is always one year behind the current year.
- ☐ **Badge of Rank** (free)—Wear only the current rank, centered on left pocket.
- ☐ **Arrow of Light patch** (free)—immediately below left pocket (if earned in Cub Scouts).
- ☐ **T97 T-shirt** (\$15)—2 recommended for camp.
- ☐ **T97 fleece jacket** (optional; \$49)—stays warm & works well in light rain.

**Note on footwear**—Any footwear with soles suitable for running and playing. **NO flip-flops, sandals, or 'cros'.**

**UNIFORM TERMINOLOGY**—Most of the time Scouts wear "**full**" ("**Class A**") **uniform** as listed above—BSA tan shirt with appropriate insignia & T97 neckerchief; BSA shorts/pants & BSA belt; BSA socks; T97 hat; merit badge sash on formal occasions. Most of the summer, Scouts wear "**summer**" ("**Class B**") **uniform**—same as Class A uniform **except** Scouts wear a T97 T-shirt.

**Unacceptable Items (applies to everyone on any Scout activity)**—BSA policy forbids wearing any garment that displays pictures or messages that are inappropriate 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, smoking/vaping, or marijuana products. Clothing with political messages is also inappropriate.



Uniform Insignia