

## Troop 97 Facts

- Our chartering organization (sponsor) is St Luke's Episcopal Church, 2000 S. Stover St, Fort Collins
- 42 Scouts
- 9 active uniformed adult leaders
- More than 50 adults cover numerous support and troop committee roles, including providing merit badge counselors for almost every one of Scouting's 120 merit badges



### How/When to Visit Our Troop

Scouts get to camp, hike, canoe, bike, and generally enjoy challenging adventures in the outdoors.

We hope your son is interested in becoming a Scout. Troop 97 meets year round, including:

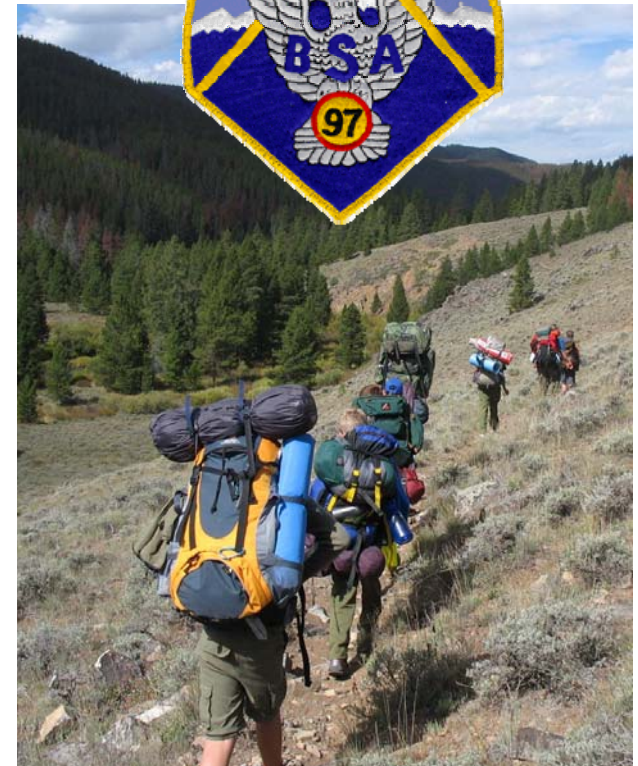
- 2 'regular' Monday meetings per month (7 to 8:15 pm)
- Junior leader planning/training each month
- 1 overnight campout per month
- 1 week at Scout summer camp
- 1-2 week High Adventure Trek (Star rank & up)

You are welcome to visit any meeting and most campouts. Contact the Scoutmaster to verify our schedule and come on by.

The Scoutmaster will give you a copy of our Troop Information Booklet when you visit.



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**Troop 97**



## Why Choose Scouting?

If you're looking for a fun activity for your son that will change his life and make him a better adult, where your involvement is vital, then get him involved in Scouting.

A well-rounded boy should have involvements with his family, church, school, Scouting, band, sports. Our program makes time for these other important commitments, while offering unique opportunities for personal growth unavailable anywhere else.

Scouting is **GAME** with a **PURPOSE**—  
to develop future leaders of:

- strong character
- good citizenship
- all-round fitness



The eight methods used by all good troops make Scouting unique:

- Scouting Ideals (Promise, Law, Motto, Slogan)
- Patrol System
- Advancement
- Outdoor Program
- Adult Role Models
- Leadership Development
- Personal Growth
- Scout Uniform

You can't get what Scouting offers anywhere but in Scouting!

**It's more than fun—it's an Adventure!**



## Why Choose Troop 97?

### *The Troop 97 Program of Adventure*

- Centers on adventure for all ages
- Special adventures for senior scouts
- Active, ambitious outdoor program for all Scouts
- Boys learn leadership by leading, not by watching
- Outdoor program and advancement are tools to teach Scouting
- Duty to God is part of Scouting, as interpreted by a boy's family
- Our Scouts earn youth's highest honor—Eagle Scout—at nearly 8 times the national average



### *Scout Summer Camp with Troop 97*

- 2007**— Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch, Camp Dietler, Elbert, Colorado
  - 6 days, Scouts learned patrol cooking
  - 33 Scouts attended
  - 12 adults spent the full week with the troop
- 2008**— BSA Camp Alexander near Lake George
- 2009**— Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch, Camp Dobbins



### *High Adventure in Troop 97*

- 2007**— 25 Scouts & adults in 3 crews backpacked the Mt Zirkel Wilderness Area near Steamboat Springs, hiking between 34 and 72 miles.
- 2008** 'SuperTrek'—24 Scouts and adults will sail and explore the British Virgin Islands
- 2009**— Backpacking in Wyoming's spectacular Wind River Range
- 2010** 'Expedition'—voyageur canoeing in Ontario, Canada, including flying in via float planes.



## Who Can Join

### When to Join

### How to Join

To join, a boy must be minimum age 10 and either have finished Fifth Grade, OR have earned the Arrow of Light Award, OR be age 11 (whichever occurs first). He does not need to have been in Cub Scouts or Webelos.

The Boy Scouts of America requires Scouts to be boys who meet these age requirements. Troop 97 expects its members to be active, to wear full uniform, and to advance regularly. We expect parents to be active with their son.

It's very important for new Scouts to attend summer camp their first year (which is why our Scoutmaster and a dozen or more of our Assistant Scoutmasters and parents will spend the full week at camp with the Scouts).

For more information, or to make a reservation, write, phone, or come to a meeting as soon as you have decided.

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