

2019-2020 Troop 97 Key Information Sheet

Troop Meets WEEKLY on Wednesdays (except 1st Wednesdays) at 7:30p @ Street School Community Center, 31 Zuckor Rd, New City NY. On the 1st Wednesdays, youth leaders & adult leaders meet and conduct planning for the other weeks.

Scoutmaster – Jim Olson 845-825-7020, jimolson04@optonline.net

The Scoutmaster works with the Assistant Scoutmasters and the scouts, advising **the SENIOR PATROL LEADER (SPL)** who is the youth that actually runs the troop, elected by the scouts. Each troop is made up of PATROLS. Troop 97 has 6 Patrols and a Staff Patrol of older scouts. Each Patrol is led by a **PATROL LEADER** elected by its members.

Troop 97 is a YOUTH-LED, ADULT-GUIDED troop that spends much time outdoors. Trips & Events are programmed to help the scouts have fun, learn skills and advance along w/attendance at meetings. Scouts advance at their own pace. “Courts of Honor” are held 3 times a year to celebrate scout advancement and awards. Eagle Courts of Honor are held as-needed to celebrate scouts who achieve Scouts BSA’s highest rank. Our program aims to develop scouts in citizenship, leadership, and mental & physical fitness while having fun and living by the scout oath and law.

Much more information about the troop can be found at <http://www.troop97newcity.org>.

Upcoming Trips & Events 2019-2020: (not complete list, updated in real time on our web site)
(Scouts Attend events along with SM/ASM’s. Parents are needed to help w/transportation to/from.)

- Eagle Court of Honor 11/30
- **Webelos & Scouting Weekend 12/14-15 @ Camp Bullowa – All are Welcome!**
- 10 Mile Hike 1/18
- Rockland District Klondike Derby & Iditarod Campout 2/1-2/2
- Scout Sunday @ Germonds Presbyterian Church 2/9 (A Scout is Reverent)
- US Naval Academy Jamboree 2/29-3/1
- 5-Mile Hike / Cleanup 3/14
- Hudson Valley Council Merit Badge College 3/21
- Winter Backpacking Trip 3/28
- **NEW SCOUT WELCOME WEEKEND 4/3-4/5**
- West Point Camporee 4/25-4/27
- **PANCAKE BREAKFAST @ Germonds Church 5/2**
- Historical Trip – Boston 5/8-5/10
- Memorial Day Flag Placement – 5/23
- 20 Mile Hike – 6/6
- Project Oceanography Trip – 6/20
- **SUMMER CAMP @ CAMP NOBEBOSCO – 6/28-7/4 (New Scouts, mark your calendar now!)**

Committee Chair – Brian Colton 845-608-4792, briancolton@yahoo.com

The troop committee is responsible for all of the “behind the scenes” decisions & logistics of running a troop and supporting the scoutmaster team & scouts. Members report to the Chair & meet as-needed. This includes hospitality, advancement, public relations, medical, treasury / fundraising, communications and swag/gear. The troop is chartered by Germonds Presbyterian Church. John Zollinger is our Chartering Org Rep.

Adults can help support their scouts by becoming a Merit Badge Counselor, helping with monthly “Boards of Review”, with hospitality as needed, and/or joining the scoutmaster team or the troop committee. Training is provided! Without adult help we cannot put on such a great program! There are opportunities large & small, one-offs to recurring.