

Troop 97 Information Sheet 2023

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Important Links

Content	Link
Troop 97 Website	https://www.troop97newcity.org/
Troop 97 Events	https://www.troop97newcity.org/upcoming-events
Troop 97 Facebook Page	https://www.facebook.com/groups/troop97newcity
Troop 97 weekly email blast	Email Matt Frank to request addition to the distribution: Mtthw.frank@gmail.com

Troop Meeting Schedule

Troop meetings occur on Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm (except for the first Wednesday of each month, holidays, and school breaks). The first Wednesday of the month is reserved for the PLC and BOR meetings. The PLC (Patrol Leader Council) meets to plan the meetings for the month ahead. The BOR (Board of Review) meets with the purpose to assist scouts to advance to the next rank.

During Troop meetings, scouts learn various skills, announcements are made for upcoming activities, and some achievements can be earned. Locations change so please check the [calendar](#) on the troop site for all locations.

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The scout should bring his Scout handbook to all meetings unless otherwise directed. Unless otherwise noted (with advance notice), meetings are in “class A” uniform, which means the full uniform (official scout shirt and pants). Three times a year (Oct, Feb, June) there is a COH (Court of Honor) where scouts are recognized for each of the achievements and awards they have earned. ALL Scouts are encouraged to attend these COHs even if they are not personally receiving any awards, to show their support to their fellow Scouts.

Supplies

Troop 97 will provide you with a neckerchief, the “97” numbers for the uniform, and the shoulder loops/epaulets. It is expected that the scout wears the official scout shirt and pants and has sewn on all patches. Extra troop branded supplies can be purchased from the [troop website](#) including nametags (which are required when wearing the Class A uniform).

Summer Camp

Troop 97 goes every year to [Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco](#) in northern New Jersey. This is a fantastic experience for all new scouts to get achievements and learn more about scouting! In 2023, we will be there from July 2, 2023 thru July 8, 2023.

More information can be [found on our site](#), but for now be sure to book off the time if it sounds of interest. More information will be coming but be sure to let us know if you have questions!

New Scout Weekend

This will be your Scout's first campout with the Troop! This is a special weekend for the new Scouts to get used to Troop 97 and camping. We will have a cabin for them to sleep in to make this first experience as comfortable as possible. Please join us the weekend of April 15th for a fun and entertaining trip! More information to come but be sure to book off this time.

Advancement

Along their journey, scouts will earn a variety of achievements that lead to advancements through the scout ranks. The most famous of them is the Eagle Rank, but along the way scouts will earn their scout, Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class, Star scout, and Life scout ranks. Each of these ranks has specific goals that you can find in the scout book. scouts work at their own pace through the year and work with our scoutmasters to “sign off” on these achievements. Eventually, scouts will earn “merit badges” which are for specialty skills where the scout works with a specific merit badge counselor.

For now, the Scout should work on their “scout Rank” which has them learning the scout oath, law, and other skills to get them acclimated to the troop.

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Patrols

Each scout will eventually be placed in a patrol. A patrol is a group of scouts that are led by a Patrol Leader and an Assistant Patrol Leader. The Patrol Leader is an older scout that is elected by the rest of the patrol. Each patrol works together during troop meetings and camp outs. Patrols are of mixed ages. Typically, we place scouts in patrols around April or May.

UPCOMING EVENTS TO CONSIDER:

Saturday, 3.11.23 - 5-mile Adventure Hike / Leave No Trace Cleanup

First hike with the Troop, opportunity to earn important scout rank requirements. More details to follow.

Saturday and Sunday, 4.15.23 thru 4.16.23- New Scout Welcome Weekend

This will be your scout's first campout with the Troop. We will have a cabin for them to sleep in to make this first experience as comfortable as possible. More details to follow.

Saturday, 4.29.23, Pancake Breakfast

This is the troop's biggest fundraising event of the year. More details to follow.

Friday thru Sunday - 5.5.23 thru 5.7.23 - Hershey Park campout - THIS IS A FAMILY TRIP! More details to follow

Friday thru Sunday, 5.19.23 thru 5.21.23 - Historical Weekend Trip to Valley Forge, PA More details to follow

Saturday, 6.17.23 - Court of Honor - THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT

This will be your first court of honor and likely your Scout will receive their first rank advancement to Scout Rank.

Sunday thru Saturday - 7.2.23 thru 7.8.23 - Summer Camp at NoBeBoSco!

This is our weeklong summer camp. Not to be missed by any of the scouts in our troop especially our new scouts.