

Troop 97B Info Sheet 2026

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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 Instagram page	@troop97newcityny
Troop 97 weekly email blast	Send email to be added to distribution: Mtthw.frank@gmail.com

Troop Meeting Schedule

Troop meetings occur on Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm (except for the first Wednesday of the month, which 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 of assisting scouts to advance to the next rank.

During Troop meetings, scouts learn various skills, announcements are made for upcoming activities, and some advancements can be earned. Generally, meetings are held at Link Elementary School in the cafeteria, however; locations change so please check the calendar on the troop site for all locations. Scouts should bring their Scout handbook to all meetings unless otherwise directed.

New Scout Welcome Weekend

This will be your Scout's first campout with the Troop, and it's a special weekend for the new Scouts to get used to T97 and camping without mom and dad! We will have a cabin for them to sleep in to make this first experience as comfortable as possible. Please have your Scouts join us **April 17th-19th** at Alpine Scout Camp for a fun and entertaining trip!

Advancement

Along their journey, scouts can earn their Scout, Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class, Star, Life and Eagle ranks. Each of these ranks has specific goals that you can find in the scout book. Scouts work at their own pace

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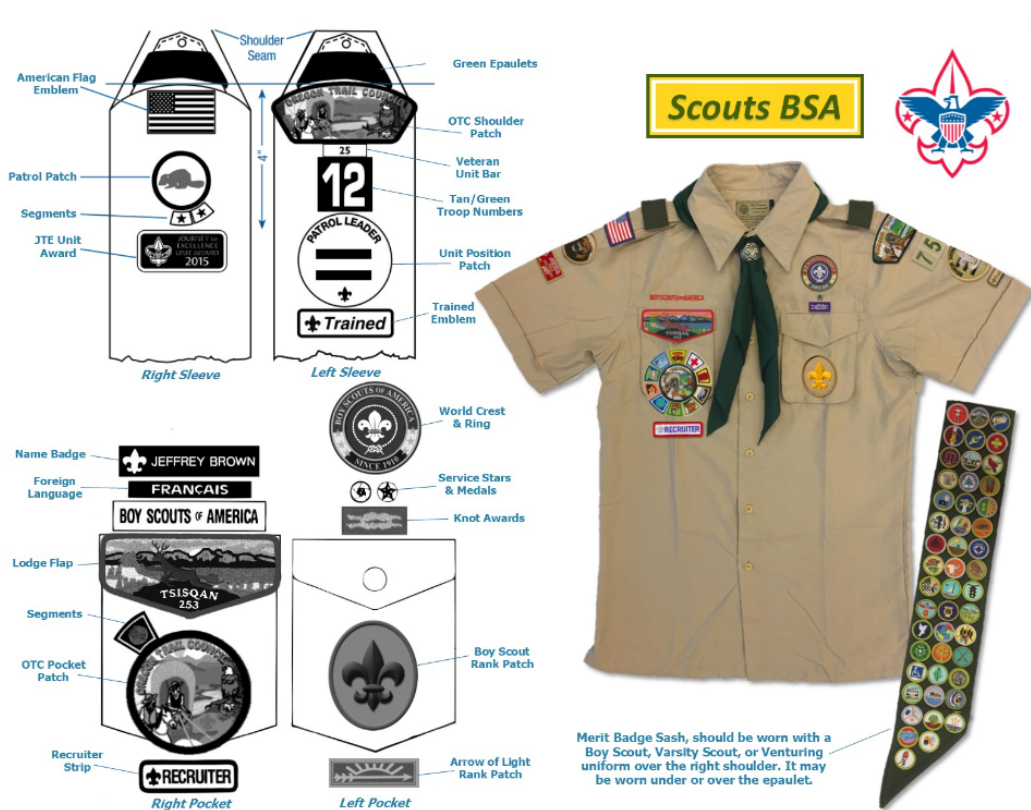
through the year and work with our scoutmasters to “sign off” on these achievements. Eventually, scouts will earn “merit badges” which are for specialty skills where the scout works with a specific merit badge counselor. For now, the Scout should work on their “Scout” rank, which has them learning the scout oath, law, and other skills to get them acclimated to the troop.

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.

Uniform

Unless otherwise announced, meetings are in “class A” uniform (official scout shirt and pants). It is expected that the scout wears the official Class “A” scout shirt and pants and has sewn on all patches. Extra troop branded supplies, as well as Class “B” shirts, can be purchased from the [troop website](#) including nametags (which are required when wearing the Class A uniform).



Summer Camp

Troop 97 goes to [Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco](#) in NJ. This is a fantastic experience for all new scouts to get achievements and learn more about scouting! In 2027, we will be there from **July 4th-July 10th**. 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!

UPCOMING EVENTS (please refer to Troop calendar for details) -

<https://www.troop97newcity.org/upcoming-events>