



# Troop 197



Welcome to Troop 197,

Here are some helpful hints for our New Scouts!

First, Welcome to Troop 197. This is a boy-led and boy-run Troop. It is their program and their Troop. We are excited that your son has chosen to be part of our family. First and foremost, get them a Scout Handbook, it will be their key to success.

If you are new to the scouting program, we have a presentation that will help to explain everything. You can find a copy of that presentation at the Troop Website ([www.bsatroop197.com](http://www.bsatroop197.com)) under “*New To Scouting*”. Our intent is to make sure you get the big picture on our Troop.

As far as equipment, your Scout will need a mess kit (metal kit with spoon/fork/knife), Nalgene type water bottle, and a sleeping bag suitable for Summer & Winter Camping in Tennessee. No other equipment is needed at this point. A yearly medical physical is required in order to Camp. You can download the form from the Middle Tennessee Council Website under Forms at [www.mtcbsa.org](http://www.mtcbsa.org).

Most of our communication is via e-mail. Once you have joined our troop, you can **register for our troop e-mail list** by visiting the “New to Scouting” at Troop website ([www.bsatroop197.com](http://www.bsatroop197.com)) so that you will receive any pertinent information that is sent. Your son(s) will be assigned to a Scout Patrol and that Patrol Leader is responsible for providing week-to-week information about meetings, events, etc. Your Scout should have a notebook, pen & his book in a backpack for each meeting so that he can take notes as needed. We also have a Facebook group and highly recommend you join it as well.

Your scout will also need to purchase a Scout Uniform. We will provide your Scout with a neckerchief or a Bolo, **197** Numbers, Hat & epaulets (approaches a cost \$43.00). However, we only ask that you pay ½ of our yearly dues (or \$30.00) as soon as you can. Our Troop Treasurer is at most Troop meetings in the lobby for payments and will always provide you a receipt.

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## **TROOP EVENTS AND ESTIMATED COSTS**

We do not make a profit on any campout. Every campout has a \$5 activity fee attached that covers the propane, patches, and cost of wear-n-tear on the equipment. All other costs are facility cost that get paid directly to the camping facility. We try to make all outings affordable for everyone. Should a financial situation arise, please talk to us before you decide against sending your scout.

[www.bsatroop197.com](http://www.bsatroop197.com)

[www.bsatroop197.com/calendar/](http://www.bsatroop197.com/calendar/)

[www.facebook.com/groups/bsatroop197/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/bsatroop197/)

We meet every Monday night at 7:00pm - 8:30pm at Fellowship Church (Hwy 99)

**IMPORTANT DATES:** See Troop calendar <http://www.bsatroop197.com/calendar/> and <http://tmweb.troopmaster.com/Website/Home> click on Upcoming Activities & Registration.