

First, Welcome to Troop 197. This is a boy-led and ran 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. The troop meets every Monday at 7:00pm at Fellowship UMC except for the Monday after a campout (generally the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday).

If you attended one of our Troop informational meetings, we provided you with a lot of info. You can find a copy of that presentation at the Troop Website under New Parent Info. Our intent was to make sure you got the big picture on our Troop. We discussed uniforms and dues, camp outs and fund raisers. March is a busy month for us; we have a Troop Shoot & Rappelling scheduled for March 16 – 18 at Camp Beany Elam at Boxwell. March 3<sup>rd</sup> will bring an Eagle Court of Honor for one of our Scouts. With Summer Camp at Boxwell June 10-15, the early bird Fee of \$35.00 is due if the Scout plans to attend. Total cost for Summer Camp is \$185.00 and includes their meals at Boxwell. I will list below the due dates of many items to come in the next few months.

As far as equipment, your Scout will need a mess kit and a two sleeping bags suitable for Summer & Winter Camping in Tennessee. Full Class A uniform is also required; including shirt, pants/shorts (green pants, does not have to be BSA), socks, belt, and proper patches. We issue a Bolo to each new scout instead of the normal neckerchief and slide. We also provide the Unit numeral patch. No Blue Jeans. 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 Council Website under “Scout Forms” at [www.mtcbsa.org](http://www.mtcbsa.org).

You should register at the 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 Patrol and that Patrol Leader is responsible for providing week to week information about meetings etc. Information for new scouts is under the section “**New to Scouting?**” Your Scout should have a notebook, pen & his book in a backpack for each meeting so that he to can take notes as needed.

We will have provided your Scout with a Bolo, unit numerals, & epilates (approaches a cost \$17.00). We would ask that you pay ½ of our yearly dues or \$30.00 as soon as you can. That can be paid \$5.00 / month. Our Troop Treasurer is always at the back table of the room for payments and will always provide you a receipt.

Annah Dubois [kageplus@gmail.com](mailto:kageplus@gmail.com) (our New Parent Coordinator) will meet with you all on April 2<sup>nd</sup> (Monday night) during our Troop meeting. Please plan on attending.

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**TROOP EVENTS AND DUE DATES**

(Does not include all regular troop meetings)

*NOTE: Events/dates subject to change, please visit [www.bsatroop197.com](http://www.bsatroop197.com) for current information*

- Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> - **ECOH Joey Onkst** at Fellowship UMC
- Mar 12<sup>th</sup> - **Troop Shoot Fee due**: Cost with Troop equipment fee is \$25.00 and includes Troop Patch, at least 10 rounds on Shotgun & 50 on .22 Rifle as well as climbing & rappelling (Meals are by patrol and generally cost \$10 extra).
- Mar 16<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup> - **Troop Shoot @ Camp Beany Elam**, Boxwell Scout Reservation.
- Mar 19<sup>th</sup> – **NO MEETING** – Spring Break (We do not meet if RuCo Schools are out) PLC meeting via Skype
- Mar 26<sup>th</sup> - **Recharter & Summer Camp Early Bird Due** (Recharter with 100% Boys Life is \$28.00 / Scout & \$16.00 per Adult, Summer Camp Early Bird fee is \$35.00)
- Mar 26<sup>th</sup> - This is also our quarterly **Court of Honor** (similar to an Advancement Pack Meeting)
- Mar 31<sup>st</sup> – **District Cross-Over** at Boxwell – Troop 197 Order of the Arrow Ceremony team.
- Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Smky Mtn Hiking Trip Fee Due** \$60.00 (Limited number, reservation only)
- Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> – **New Parent Meeting** For new cross-over parents. Start time is 7:00pm
- Apr 13<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup> - **Smky Mtn Hiking Trip** and SMCV Cabin camping
- Apr 28<sup>th</sup> - **Spaghetti Dinner** (Each Scout sells 10 tickets (\$5ea) for the Troop; after that \$4.00 of \$5.00 goes directly to Scout's account)
- May 14<sup>th</sup> - **Canoe Trip Fees Due** \$20.00 (Meals are by patrol and generally cost \$10 extra)
- May 18<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup> - **Campout Canoeing @ Grimes Canoe Base**
- May 21<sup>st</sup> - **Summer Camp Balance** and Med Forms Due with Physicals (\$150.00)
- June 10<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup> - **Summer Camp @ Boxwell**
- July 21<sup>st</sup> - **Pancake Breakfast** (Each Scout sells 10 tickets (\$5ea) for the Troop; after that \$4.00 of \$5.00 goes directly to Scout's account)