

# Boy Scout Troop 57 Garland, TX



65 Years of Scouting Service

## Troop 57 Summary

### Meeting Time and Place Every Tuesday, 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

First United Methodist Church building, Avenue B & Glenbrook  
(Basement troop room)

### Trail To First Class (Sessions for scouts having not yet earned First Class rank)

Every Tuesday, 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM, prior to troop meeting

### Troop 57 Membership Requirements

- Boys must meet at least one of the following criteria:
  - Completion of 5<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Reached 11 years of age
  - Earned the Cub Scout Arrow of Light award
- A parent or guardian must complete the Boy Scout Application and Health History forms and turn it in to the troop treasurer.
- Pay the troop activity fee of \$75.00 per year. This fee is due every year in January, when the troop renews its charter.

### Uniform

All Troop 57 scouts and adults are expected to wear a *complete* B.S.A. Class A uniform at all weekly troop meetings, travelling to and from all troop outings, and at all flag ceremonies whether at home or on and outing. The troop maintains an inventory of used uniform items in the troop room, and members of Troop 57 are encouraged to use them as needed. Please replenish this inventory as your scout out grows his own uniform pieces.

A complete Class A uniform consists of:

- Official B.S.A. Khaki shirt with all insignia
- Official B.S.A. green shorts or trousers
- Official B.S.A. belt or other scouting belt (such as a Philmont belt)
- Official B.S.A. scout socks
- Troop 57 neckerchief (provided to each Troop 57 member when they attend their first meeting in full uniform)

### Prior To First Camp Out

A parent or guardian must have completed and provided to the Scoutmaster the following documents, both of which are available on the Troop 57 web site at [www.troop57garland.org](http://www.troop57garland.org):

- Troop 57 Permission/Medical Form
- B.S.A. Medical Form Part A and C (*must be renewed every year*)

Obtain basic camping gear consisting of sleeping bag, eating utensils, and personal items as needed. For guidelines regarding camping gear please refer to the Troop 57 web site.

### Other Fees

Monthly camp outs and other activities may require additional fees, based on the activity. At a minimum, expect that a monthly outing will require a \$6.00 fee per scout to cover the cost of transportation and troop equipment maintenance. On camping trips scouts will also be expected to share the cost of their food for the outing.

### **Scout Accounts**

Each scout may contribute money into a personal scout account. A scout may also earn money in his scout account by participating in the various troop fund raising activities that are conducted each year. A scout may use the funds in his personal scout account to pay any fees or costs associated with any Troop 57 scouting related activity. The troop treasurer maintains scout accounts.

### **Activity Schedule**

The troop activity schedule is maintained in calendar form on the troop web site. A direct link to the schedule is [www.troop57garland.org/wc.cgi](http://www.troop57garland.org/wc.cgi)

### **Adult Membership in Troop 57**

Troop 57 desires and welcomes the direct participation of all scout parents and guardians. Adults can fill any number of needs, from providing transportation on outings up to and including service as an assistant scoutmaster or troop committee member. Adults wishing to become involved with the troop will need to complete a B.S.A. Adult application, provide permission for a background check, and pay a \$15.00 annual fee. Part of the fee is used to fund the background check; the remainder goes to B.S.A. for registration purposes. In addition, adult members who participate in troop camping activities must provide a completed B.S.A. medical form as appropriate for the activity and the age of the individual.

### **Troop Committee**

The adults of the troop committee meet monthly (usually near the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, the actual day is the first Monday following the district boy scout round table meeting). The committee supports the operation of Troop 57 by managing the infrastructure, equipment, funds, and adult advisors that the troop must have in order to carry out its program. All parents and guardians of Troop 57 scouts are invited and encouraged to attend every committee meeting.