

Duty to God

Duty To Country

Duty To Others

Duty to Self



Scout Troop 497



# Scout Troop 497 Annual Parents Meeting

October 6, 2022



*The Best This Side of Heaven*



Trustworthy Loyal Helpful Friendly Courteous Kind Obedient Cheerful Thrifty Brave Clean Reverent



Scout Troop 497

---

---

---

# Scoutmaster's Agenda

- ✓ Welcome
- ✓ 2022 – 2023 Objectives
- ✓ 2022 – 2023 Program
- ✓ 2023 Summer Camp – Ben Delatour, CO
- ✓ Youth Protection
- ✓ Communications & Support

---

---

---

*The Best This Side of Heaven*

Trustworthy Loyal Helpful Friendly Courteous Kind Obedient Cheerful Thrifty Brave Clean Reverent





Scout Troop 497

---

---

---

# Scoutmaster's Agenda (cont)

- ✓ Parents' Commitment & Fundraising
- ✓ High Adventure Programs
- ✓ Advancement & Leadership
- ✓ Change ahead
- ✓ Questions, Concerns, Feedback

---

---

---

*The Best This Side of Heaven*

Trustworthy Loyal Helpful Friendly Courteous Kind Obedient Cheerful Thrifty Brave Clean Reverent





# 2022-2023 Objectives

## □ Membership

- Achieve a minimum of 85 active scouts by the end of the 2022-2023 Scout Year

## □ Attendance

- 60 Percent attendance overall for scouts going on camping trips
- 50 Percent attendance on a patrol basis for each patrol camping

## □ Communication

- Weekly tracking to determine if at least 75% of the scouts received their weekly call

---

---

---

*The Best This Side of Heaven*



Duty to God

Duty To Country

Duty To Others

Duty to Self



Scout Troop 497

# 2022 Program Events

Month	Monthly Theme	Camping Trip	Camping Activity	Special Troop Meeting
September	Reorg	Assateague Island State Park	Beach Fun / Webelos	Parent Meeting
October	Advanced Cooking	Calvert Cliffs	Cooking Competition	Court of Honor
November	Backpacking	Appalachian Trail	Backpacking	Thanksgiving
December	Are you better than a senior	Dan Beard Broad Creek	Senior Surprise	Christmas Party

*The Best This Side of Heaven*



Trustworthy Loyal Helpful Friendly Courteous Kind Obedient Cheerful Thrifty Brave Clean Reverent

Duty to God

Duty To Country

Duty To Others

Duty to Self



Scout Troop 497

# 2023 Program Events

Month	Monthly Theme	Camping Trip	Camping Activity	Special Troop Meeting
January	Aviation	Camp Rodney	Geocaching	Troop Elections
February	Advanced Knots & Lashings	Camp Horseshoe	Patrol Olympics	Open House
March	Hiking Biking	Gettysburg	Historic Hike/Bike	
April	Camp Skills	Camporee	Camporee	Movie Night
May	Aquatics	Canoeing	Canoeing	
June	Home Skills & Repair	Water Weekend	Water Weekend	
July	Sumer Camp Prep	Colorado - Ben Delatour	Summer Camp	Packing Demo
September	Reorg	Assateague Island State Park	Beach Fun / New Boys	Parent Meeting
October	Wild Survival / Bushcraft	Old Rag	Hiking?	Court of Honor
November	Backpacking	Appalachian Trail	Backpacking	Thanksgiving
December	Careers	Elk Neck State Park	Senior Surprise	Christmas Party
January		Running Bear		
February		Conowego		

*The Best This Side of Heaven*



Trustworthy Loyal Helpful Friendly Courteous Kind Obedient Cheerful Thrifty Brave Clean Reverent



# 2022-2023 Activity Procedures

- Covid Symptoms?
  - We ask that anyone who has any Covid symptoms, please do not attend the activity.
  
- Test Positive?
  - Alert the troop leadership so that we can inform those who might have been exposed.
  
- Masking?
  - Please bring 2 masks per person. (Masking is presently optional)
  - Local protocols / church protocols will be followed





# 2022-2023 Tenting Procedures

- Vaccinated Scouts will be allowed to tent 2 scouts per tent
  - Sleep head to toe ( BAC Covid recommendation)
  - No more than a two-year age difference (Youth Protection)
  
- Non-vaccinated scouts must wear masks / social distance
  - Tenting arrangement restricted (alone, with permission, etc)
  
- Scouts and Adults cannot share a tent.







# 2022-2023 Transportation Procedures

- Return to Pre-pandemic process
  
- Driver's preference
  - Masks, Middle Seats
  
- Parents' choice on masking
  
  
- Parents' please do not transport their own child
  - Beginning Jan 2023
  - Please reach out to us if there are specific covid concerns

---

---

---

*The Best This Side of Heaven*





Scout Troop 497

# We need your help...

□ Late sign up for trips & activities

□ Patrol Food Policy

Commitment to attend an event

**EQUALS**

Commitment to pay for costs incurred

Specific financial issues can be discussed with the Scoutmaster

*The Best This Side of Heaven*





# Changes to BSA Policies

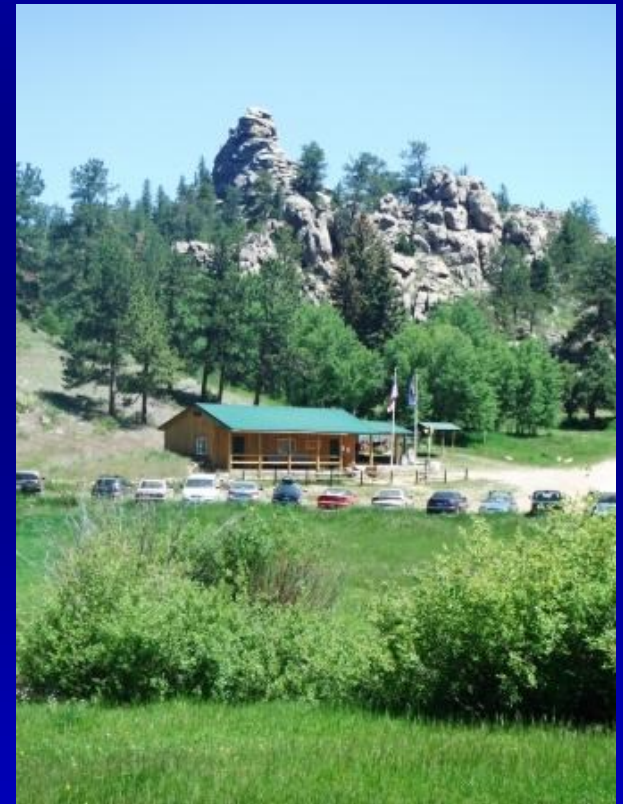
- Siblings are not allowed to camp with the troop
  
- Visiting packs & dens now need permission from the council and their unit leaders attend
  
- Cost of annual membership climbs to \$75 pp
  - Cost to maintain scout charter – over \$8,000 annually





# 2023 Summer Trips

- 2023 – Ben Delatour Scout Ranch,
  - » Red Feather Lakes, CO
  - » 1<sup>st</sup> week Scout camp – July 15-22, 2023
  - » 2<sup>nd</sup> week touring – July 22-28, 2023
  - » Dates may change to accommodate travel
- Planning has begun
  - Interested Adults?
  - First week or both weeks
  - Everyone asked to take a part of the trip



*The Best This Side of Heaven*





# Youth Protection

- BSA Rules
  - 72 Hour Training Rule – Parents Included
  - All registered adult leaders must complete training ANNUALLY
  - We encourage everyone to take the training
- St. Joseph Church Rules
  - Virtus Training for every registered adult leader
  - We CANNOT register any adult until the Church approves
- Critical Issue - Cannot re-register you without training!
  - *This has become a very real problem!*





# Youth Protection

- Troop Commitment to our Scouts' Safety
  - Background Checks
  - Guide to Safe Scouting
  - Youth Protection Guidelines
  - Communication with Scouts
    - » Email / Texting Rules
    - » Phone
    - » On-line meetings





Scout Troop 497

---

---

---

# Communications & Support

- Scout weekly calls
- Website ([www.troop497.org](http://www.troop497.org))
- Email updates is your email address accurate?
- Twitter Feed (ScoutTroop497)
- Facebook Page (Troop497)
- *Please keep us posted if a Scout starts to lose interest or you have any questions or concerns!*

---

---

---

*The Best This Side of Heaven*

Trustworthy Loyal Helpful Friendly Courteous Kind Obedient Cheerful Thrifty Brave Clean Reverent





# How do I get involved

- Troop Committee
- Parents Club
- Assistant Scoutmasters
- Food crew
- Come to a meeting
- Help with Merit Badge Program
  
- We can try to match your strengths with our needs







Scout Troop 497

# Our Parent's Commitment

- Support Son's Advancement & Participation
- Transportation – One long or two short trips.
- Please support our fundraising efforts
  - **BULL ROAST - NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> - WE NEED A LOT OF HELP!**
- *Enjoy Scouting with your Sons*

---

---

---

*The Best This Side of Heaven*

Trustworthy Loyal Helpful Friendly Courteous Kind Obedient Cheerful Thrifty Brave Clean Reverent





# High Adventure Programs

- We are presently working with the high adventure bases to secure some dates for 2024.
  - Philmont
  - Northern Tier
  
- Because of the 2023 two-week summer camp, no high adventure base trips from the troop will occur in 2023.
  
- In years when high adventure trips occur, scouts participating in high adventure must also attend summer camp.





# Advancement

- First Thursday to First Class – In-Person
- Scoutmaster Conferences – Virtual / In-Person
- Boards of Review –Virtual / In Person
- Eagle Scout Process - PLEASE watch deadlines.





# Scoutbook

- ❖ <https://scoutbook.scouting.org/> is an online resource used to track your Scout's rank progress
- ❖ Parents and scouts can enter the scout's rank progress on the site
- ❖ Certified Leaders can approve after entry
- ❖ Experience is that leaders alone can't keep up with data entry





Scout Troop 497

# Scoutbook.com

- ❖ Please update son's information prior to each First Thursday
- ❖ An invitation should have been sent to you to sign up when you joined.
- ❖ **Chris McClelland ([mccllland.chris@gmail.com](mailto:mccllland.chris@gmail.com)) or Adam Spence ([adam@spencefirm.com](mailto:adam@spencefirm.com))**

---

---

---

*The Best This Side of Heaven*

Trustworthy Loyal Helpful Friendly Courteous Kind Obedient Cheerful Thrifty Brave Clean Reverent





# Scout Leadership Concerns

- Must participate and fulfill job requirements
  - Regular Phone calls to their patrol members
  - Have virtual patrol meetings.
    - We can set these up. One adult must attend.
- Please note, texting and group chats do not replace the individual phone calls.
  - Please allow/encourage your scout to speak to the patrol leader.





# Scoutmaster's Conferences

- Scoutmaster Conferences are virtual and in-person
  - Virtual - Zoom calls set up in advance
  - Usually have more than one scout scheduled
  - Camera must be working
  - Parent must be in the room
- In-Person
  - No private meetings – all in sight of other adults.



Duty to God

Duty To Country

Duty To Others

Duty to Self



Scout Troop 497

---

---

---

January 1, 2023



Scoutmaster  
Brad  
Boutilier



---

---

---

*The Best This Side of Heaven*



Trustworthy Loyal Helpful Friendly Courteous Kind Obedient Cheerful Thrifty Brave Clean Reverent



Duty to God

Duty To Country

Duty To Others

Duty to Self



Scout Troop 497



# Questions, Concerns, Feedback

Remember to check [troop497.org](http://troop497.org) frequently for the latest information



*The Best This Side of Heaven*



Trustworthy Loyal Helpful Friendly Courteous Kind Obedient Cheerful Thrifty Brave Clean Reverent