



Thank you so much for your interest in Scouts, BSA! We extend a warm welcome to our new Scouts and their families, as well as those that are returning this year!

Our 50-year-old troop is based at the American International School of Vienna, and boys and girls from all schools are welcome. Our troop meetings take place once a week at the AIS cafeteria. Scouts, BSA is a year-long program and our registration is currently open for both boys and girls aged 11-17.

**Kick-Off Scout and Parent Meeting:** We will host a parent/scout meeting and information session on Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm in the AIS Cafeteria. At this time, we will be answering any questions you may have, and collecting registration forms, fees, and uniform orders. It is strongly encouraged that all parents and Scouts (new and old) come for this informational meeting. New and existing Scouts will participate in a Scout-led game/activity, while adult leaders will separately meet with parents to ensure all questions are answered.

**Registration:** If you are a new scout, please complete the BSA Youth Member Application. A fillable form can be found at: <https://www.mdscbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/BSA-Youth-Application-524-406-2020.01.15-fillable-FORM.pdf>

**Fees:** The cost for the entire year is 325€ for new Scouts, which includes a 25€ one-time joining fee, the national fee, council fee, and troop fee that covers the costs for BSA Handbook, Troop 427 neckerchief & slide, meeting materials, plus any badges and awards the Scout may earn throughout the year. For returning Scouts, the cost is 300€. We note that this fee covers the cost of the entire school year, to include *both* semesters. Please note that the fees for uniforms, campouts and additional troop outings are not included. Fees are due by the first meeting, September 6th. We prefer payment in cash, but other options are available.

**Health Forms:** All participants must complete the BSA's **Annual Health and Medical Record** (Parts A and B for basic scouting activities and camping trips less than 72 hours). Please click on the link to download the forms and you may turn-in completed and signed forms at the first meeting.

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**Uniforms:** Uniforms are required at regular Scout meetings. The uniform package consists of BSA khaki shirt (to include required patches & shoulder loops), pants, belt, hat, and sash. The cost for the typical youth size (boys' or girls') uniform package is 113 € and the cost for the typical adult size (men's or women's) uniform package is 123 €. There are also optional items like 2-n-1 pants, shorts, skorts, socks, or handbook cover. Feel free to browse and purchase directly from the Scout shop at: <https://www.scoutshop.org/> . If you wish to place an order with the troop, we will be taking uniform orders at our first September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and cash payment can be made to our treasurer at that time.

**Weekend Activities:** We will try to organize one weekend activity a month. These activities are optional but will keep your Scout on the right track for advancement, help earn merit badges and build troop cohesion. Some of the activities will include hiking, biking, ropes course, orienteering and campouts.

There may be an additional cost associated with these events to cover things such as admission fees, equipment rental, and food, etc.

**Summer Camp:** Camp Avantura BSA is a Transatlantic council hosted summer camp on the coast of Croatia. The camp will be offered the last week July and the first week of August. Exact dates and details will be forthcoming.

**Volunteers:** Our troop is completely run by volunteers, and we are always looking for additional help. If you have the time, we would love to welcome you to our wonderful leadership team. The more leaders we have, the more the Scouts we can take on. Furthermore, we would also welcome any parental involvement on a less formal, voluntary, as-needed basis to assist from time to time with meetings and activities. We will take as much or as little of your time as you can spare to help your Scout's troop. BSA requires that all adults are registered with BSA and have completed the online Youth Protection Training (<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>), which must be taken every two years. Also, we will be sending parents a Google survey questionnaire in the near future to help us get a better sense of the areas of knowledge and expertise we have in our community that can help enrich our scouting program.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email [scouts@ais.at](mailto:scouts@ais.at). We look forward to seeing you at our kick-off meeting on Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>!

Yours in Scouting,  
BSA Troop 427 Committee