

The WWW of the Scout Uniform:

Why Do We Wear Uniforms?

The Boy Scouts of America has always been a uniformed body. There are many reasons for this. One reason stands out above all the rest. We wear the uniform because it is a means of identifying ourselves openly with the principles to which we are committed-character development, citizenship training, and physical and mental fitness.

The fact that youth and adult members of Scouting wear a uniform doesn't mean that we are all alike. We come from different backgrounds and cultures. We have our own beliefs and views. We are each individuals with our own traditions and loyalties. So the uniform is not intended to hide our individuality, but it is a way to give each other strength and support. It is a bond that ties us together in spite of our differences. It is a way of making visible our commitment to a belief in God, loyalty to country, and to helping other people.

The Scouting movement is built on positive values. As we wear the uniform, we are openly identifying ourselves with those values where everyone can see us. We stand together, not alone, in encouraging others to live by those same principles. Boys and adults alike should take pride in belonging to such a movement and wear the uniform as it is intended.

"...putting on the uniform does not make a fellow a scout, but putting on the uniform is a sign to the world that one has taken the scout obligations and folks expect scout-like acts from one wearing it."

Excerpt from The Scout Handbook.

When Do We Wear the Uniform?

Class A

All troop meetings (except during the school summer break).

Travel to and from all campouts – no exceptions.

Boards of Review – Scouts will not pass a board of review without class A including a merit badge sash. Court of Honor.

Any other event as advised by the scoutmaster.

Class B

Troop meetings during the school summer break.

Any other event as advised by the scoutmaster.

What Uniform Do We Wear?

Class A

Hat - Either a Troop 750 baseball cap or if the scout is 1st class or above the Troop 750 red beret.

Shirt - BSA Uniform Shirt with up to date rank insignia and red epaulet loops.

Neckerchief – Red and white neckerchief with suitable neckerchief slide.

Pants / Shorts – BSA uniform long pants or shorts – no substitutions.

Belt – BSA uniform web belt and buckle – or approved scouting belt e.g. Philmont belt or Woodbadge belt.

Socks – BSA uniform socks – long or short.

Shoes – Suitable footwear for the activity at hand is required.

Merit Badge Sash – With all current merit badges. (Required for Boards of Review and Court of Honor)

Class B

Hat – Troop 750 baseball cap.

Shirt – Troop 750 class B gray shirt.

Pants / Shorts – BSA uniform long pants or shorts – no substitutions.

Belt – BSA uniform web belt and buckle – or approved scouting belt e.g. Philmont belt or Woodbadge belt.

Socks – BSA uniform socks – long or short.

Shoes – Suitable footwear for the activity at hand is required.

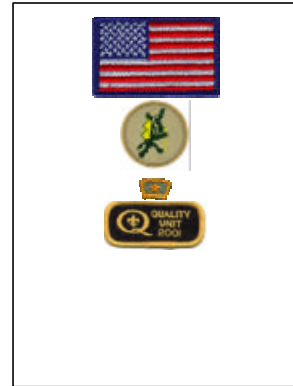
Uniform Shirt Insignia Placement:

Basic rule of scouting uniform is NEATNESS. Things do NOT have to be "exact" and nobody should expect every uniform to match up exactly to ruler or metric. The most important part is that the insignia is CLOSE TO or NEAR where it SHOULD be, and that the insignia reflects the CURRENT STATUS of the individual wearing the uniform.

Uniform Shirt Right Sleeve

From the top:

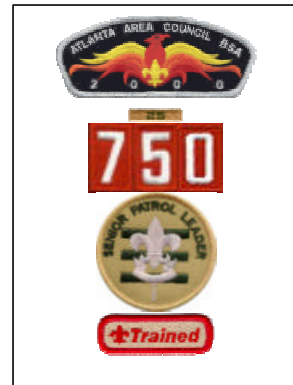
- US Flag
- Patrol Emblem
- Baden Powell Honor Patrol Award
- Quality Unit Emblem



Uniform Shirt Left Sleeve

From the top:

- Council Patch
- Veteran Unit Bar (optional - Troop 750 is 30 years old)
- Troop Numeral
- Badge of Office
- Trained Patch (if earned)



Uniform Shirt Right Side Front

From the top:

- Jamboree Emblem - Above Pocket
- Interpreter Strip - Above Pocket
- Boy Scouts Of America - Above Pocket
- OA or Honor Camping Insignia - Goes on Pocket Flap
- Other / Temporary Insignia Item (e.g. FOS patch - Name Tag)
- Recruiter Strip - Below Pocket



Uniform Shirt Left Side Front

From the top:

- World Scouting Organization Emblem - Above Pocket
- Service Stars - Above Pocket
- Award Knots - Above Pocket
- Badge of Rank
- Arrow of Light - Below Pocket

