

## About the Scout Uniform

Uniforming is one of the eight Methods used to accomplish the Scouting Aims of Character, Citizenship, & Fitness. The uniform makes the Scout troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. The uniform gives the Scout identity in a world brotherhood of youth who believe in the same ideals. The uniform is practical attire for Scout activities, and provides a way for Scouts to wear the badges that show what they have accomplished.

The Boy Scout Uniform has long served as an expression of a Scout's friendliness to all other Scouts regardless of who they are or where they're from. The uniform represents Scouting's spirit of Equality and democracy, and identifies a boy as a brother to every other Scout. Wearing the uniform promotes comradeship, loyalty to one's patrol and troop, and public recognition of membership in the Boy Scouts of America.

Uniform inspections may be held periodically, using the Boy Scout Uniform Inspection Sheet to advise boys on the care and correct wearing of uniforms and insignia.

## When To Wear The Uniform

Boy Scouts and Scout leaders proudly wear the full uniform for all ceremonial and indoor activities including troop meetings, Scoutmaster's Conferences, Boards of Review, and Courts of Honor. The uniform should also be worn during special outdoor occasions, such as flag ceremonies, Camporees, and special times during summer camp.

Troop 196 requires that Scouts wear the uniform shirt, neckerchief, scout belt, scout pants & scout socks to be considered "in uniform". Merit badge sashes or OA sashes should be worn on more formal occasions such as Courts of Honor.

During physically active outdoor events and informal activities, Scouts may wear an activity uniform -- Troop or camp T-shirts with Scout pants or shorts.

## Boy Scout Insignia Placement: Shirt Front

### Merit Badge Sash:

- Merit badges are attached to front (and back, if needed) of sash.
- Venture letter is attached at bottom front corner.
- Temporary insignia may be worn on back.
- It is worn over the right shoulder. BSA has never authorized wearing the sash from a belt.
- It should not be worn along with the Order of the Arrow sash.



## Order of the Arrow Sash:

- The Order of the Arrow Sash is worn with the arrow pointing up and over the right shoulder. It is worn under the right shoulder epaulet. It should not be worn along with the merit badge sash.
- "Sashbacks" -- either the OA legend version or a localized history of the Lodge -- cannot be placed on the back of the sash. Nothing can be placed onto the backside of the sash at all.

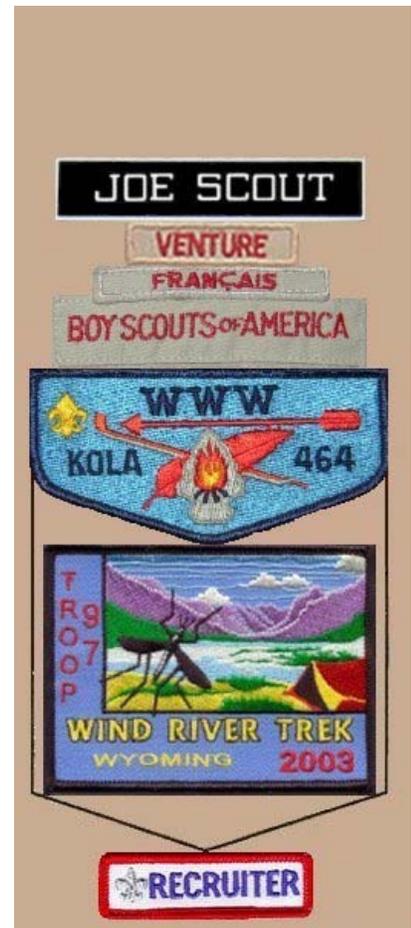
### Left Pocket:

- Service stars above the pocket.
  - Orange for Tiger Cubs
  - Yellow for Cub Scouts
  - Green for Youth Boy Scouts
  - Red for Venturing
  - Blue for Adult Scouters
- If a medal or embroidered knot for youth members is worn, service stars are raised.
- Embroidered square knots are worn centered above the pocket in rows of three.
- Not more than five medals may be worn, pinned centered immediately above the pocket (extending over knots if both are worn).
- The wearing sequence for knots or medals is at the wearer's discretion and lead color is to the wearer's right.
- Badges of rank are worn centered on the pocket above the Arrow of Light Award. Flap buttoned.
- The World Crest is worn centered horizontally over the left pocket and vertically between the left shoulder seam and the top of the pocket.



### Right Pocket:

- Jamboree insignia (only one) worn above BSA or interpreter strip.
- Order of the Arrow lodge insignia worn on pocket flap.
- An OA pin or mini-sash may be worn on the pocket button.
- Temporary insignia worn centered on the pocket. Flap buttoned.
  - This includes the World Conservation Patch
- The Venture strip is worn above the BSA strip or above the interpreter strip.
- Nameplate, if worn, is centered above the BSA strip, interpreter strip, and Venture strip.



## Boy Scout Insignia Placement: Sleeves

- Red shoulder loops identify Boy Scouting (all members of a troop).
- Green loops identify Venturers.
- Silver loops identify District & Council Committee Members



### Left Sleeve:

- Council Patch, unit numeral, and badge of office (leadership position) are worn snug up, and touching each other. Badge of office (leadership) is centered below and touches unit numeral.
- The veteran unit bar (50 years) is positioned above and touching troop numeral and in turn touching Council Patch.
- Den Chief cord is worn over the left shoulder and under epaulet.

### Right Sleeve:

- US Flag just below shoulder seam
- Patrol emblem worn below US Flag
- National Honor Patrol Award Star worn below Patrol emblem
- Only the most recently earned Quality Unit Award may be worn below patrol emblem or below National Honor Patrol star.



## Boy Scout Insignia Placement: Uniform Accessories

### Hats:

Wearing a hat is optional. Remove hats indoors.

### Neckerchief and Slide:

Fold long edge over several flat folds to about 6 inches from tip of neckerchief. A tight fold prevents gathering around the neck and is more efficient than rolling or twirling.

Draw neckerchief slide over ends and adjust to fit snugly.

The neckerchief should be worn under the collar.

Eagle Scouts should wear the Eagle Scout Neckerchief or Eagle Scout Bolo.

Neckerchief slide should be Scout appropriate of the Scout's choice.

### Shirt:

Official long or short-sleeve shirt with red, shoulder loops on epaulets.

**Pants:**

**Pants are to be BSA issued dark green long-pants, switchbacks, or shorts.**



**Belt:**

**Olive-green web with BSA insignia on brass buckle. Brass on the belt tip should touch the brass of the buckle. Other official belts are also available with BSA buckle or other Scout related buckle of your choice.**



**Socks:**

**Official olive-colored socks with red tops worn with official shorts or trousers. (Sock length is optional.)**

**Shoes:**

**Leather or canvas, neat and clean.**