

TROOP 608 UNIFORM POLICY

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The Troop 608 Policies & Procedures Agreement mentions the following with regard to uniforms for scouts:

UNIFORMING: *Just as it is important for team sports members to be properly uniformed so they are recognized as a team member, all members of Troop 608 are expected to wear the complete BSA uniform. This consists of the BSA Shirt with red epaulets and appropriate insignia as displayed in the inside front and back covers of the BSA Handbook, BSA belt, BSA shorts or long pants, BSA uniform socks (not BSA activity socks), and Merit Badge sash. Each scout must also have a copy of the Boy Scout Handbook. If purchasing the uniform becomes a financial problem, this matter should be addressed with the Scoutmaster.*

First and foremost, uniform parts can be expensive. **All** articles of the uniform *must* be marked with the scout's name and troop number. This allows the return of the uniform parts to their rightful owners when they get lost and reduces the number of replacement parts needed!

As part of the introduction of the new scout uniforms in 2009 and 2010 it is BSA policy that all older official scout uniform items (e.g. red epaulets, etc.) are allowed and can be worn in a mix and match manner with the new uniform items. For the Official (or Centennial) tan BSA shirt the current Uniform Inspection Sheet and Insignia Guide should be used to ensure proper display and placement of insignia on the uniform.

The troop has various uniforms for various events. To eliminate confusion, each uniform is listed here along with the occasions for wear and what should be worn.

(1) Dress Uniform — Field Uniform (known historically as the Class “A” uniform)

Worn at formal events, such as Troop Courts of Honor, Eagle Courts of Honor, or other formal scouting events.

Consists of: Official (or Centennial) tan BSA shirt (short or long sleeve), Troop Neckerchief and slide, Scout Pants/Shorts, Scout Uniform (not activity) Socks, Scout Belt, and Merit Badge Sash. As per the BSA Insignia Guide, the dress uniform is always worn without headgear.

(2) Troop Meeting Uniform — Field Uniform (known historically as the Class “A” uniform)

This is the uniform to be worn to weekly troop meetings.

Consists of: Official (or Centennial) tan BSA shirt (short or long sleeve), Scout Pants/Shorts, Scout Uniform (not activity) Socks, Scout Belt. No headgear should be worn with the troop meeting uniform. The troop neckerchief is optional at meetings, but required for a Board of Review.

(3) Travel Uniform — Field Uniform (known historically as the Class “A” uniform)

This is the uniform the Troop will normally wear for travel to and from events. On infrequent occasions when the situation warrants, the Scoutmaster may have the troop travel in the Activity Uniform (Class “B”).

Consists of: Official (or Centennial) tan BSA shirt (short or long sleeve), Scout Pants/Shorts, Scout Uniform (not activity) Socks, Scout Belt, and Troop 608 Hat. If the Activity uniform is designated for travel the t-shirt should be a Troop 608 t-shirt.

(4) Campout Uniform – Activity Uniform (known historically as the Class “B” uniform)

This is the uniform normally worn during campouts (except at meals in a dining hall) after arriving at camp.

Consists of: Troop 608 T-Shirt (or other BSA activity shirt), Scout Pants/Shorts, Scout Uniform or Activity Socks, Scout Belt, and Troop 608 Hat. BSA Activity shirts include all Scouting sponsored activity shirts such as summer camp shirts. On most campouts the uniform for the weekend will be Class “B”. Any BSA-approved hat (such as a camp hat, etc.) is allowed during a campout, once the Troop has arrived at the site. No non-BSA headgear is allowed for troop events.

NOTE: The Scoutmaster, all Assistant Scoutmasters, and other adults on campouts should follow these guidelines.