

Policy on Uniforms

Statement of Purpose:

This policy exists to define the purposes, expectations and requirements for uniforms for Scouts and Scouters.

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Purpose of Uniforms. The Cub Scout uniform is the same as a uniform for any sports team, club or private school. Cub Scouts proudly wear their uniform because it shows their commitment to something bigger than themselves, or even the Pack. It identifies the Cub Scout as a participant in Cub Scouting. Cub Scouts show their Cub Scouting spirit and character when they wear it. They set the example for others (lead by example). The uniform is a symbol of all the characteristics of the Cub Scout Law and is a source of great pride for each Cub Scout. The five main goals of wearing a proper uniform are:

- a) Equality.** The uniform represents a democratic ideal of equality. Children from various cultures and different economic levels wear the same uniform and cooperate as equals.
- b) Identification.** The uniform identifies a child as a member of the Cub Scouts. Badges on the uniform tell other members that he belongs to their Den, Pack, and Council. The uniform itself identifies a good citizen to the entire community.
- c) Achievement.** The uniform displays badges and other awards so the accomplishments of each Cub Scout can be immediately recognized, and this contributes to the Scout's self-esteem.
- d) Commitment.** Wearing a uniform is a constant reminder to each Cub Scout of their commitment to the ideals and purposes of Cub Scouting: duty to God, loyalty to country, and helpfulness to others.
- e) Recruitment.** The Cub Scout uniform is strongly identifiable by the public and wearing of it creates interest in other youth who see it. Seeing Cub Scouts in uniform contributes strongly to a youth's interest in joining.

Prohibited.

- a)** In no case shall any Cub Scout or adult attending a Cub Scout meeting or event wear any items that are ripped, contain vulgar language or drug references, or have religious messages.
- b)** Uniform items may not be dirty, wrinkled or ripped. Mended uniforms are acceptable.

Cub Scout Field (Class A) Uniform. Field uniforms are the official uniforms of Cub Scouts and shall be worn by Cub Scouts to all Pack meetings, Den meetings, campouts, and field trips. The Field Uniform shall include the Cap, Neckerchief and Slide, Shirt and Belt. Examples of the different Field Uniforms may be found at <https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/cub-scout-uniform/> (as of September, 2019), keeping in mind that the Pack does not require the purchase of official pants and socks.

- a) Caps.** Caps must be rank appropriate and clean. They must be worn with the bill facing straight forward.

- b) Shirt.** The shirt must be an official BSA sanctioned shirt, rank appropriate, and may be short or long sleeve. Shirts must be tucked into pants at all times.
 - a.** Lions shall wear a Lions shirt.
 - b.** Tigers, Wolves and Bears shall wear a blue Cub Scout shirt. Families are advised to buy shirts big, so they last for three years.
 - c.** Webelos shall wear a tan Scouts BSA shirt with blue shoulder loops and Webelos colors pinned below the patches on the right sleeve. This enables the shirt to be reused as a Scout BSA shirt after bridging. Webelos will be allowed to continue to wear their blue Cub Scout shirt until they grow out of it, or until they bridge.
- c) Pants.** The Cub Scout may select any short or long pants or skorts that are blue in color and may not be frayed or ripped. Webelos may wear blue or green color pants. If wearing skorts or short pants, a Cub Scout may wear knee-high socks but may not wear any undergarment including but not limited to leggings.
- d) Socks and Shoes.** Solid color socks and close-toed shoes are always required but may be any type and color. Sandals, flip-flops, Crocs, non-hiking boots, etc. are prohibited.
- e) Neckerchiefs.** Neckerchiefs must be rank appropriate.
 - a.** Neckerchiefs must be worn with an official rank slide or a homemade slide.
 - b.** Unofficial neckerchiefs may not be worn with Field uniforms unless pre-approved.
- f) Belts.** Belts shall be official blue BSA web belt with the Wolf logo metal slide buckle. Families are advised to buy belts big, so they last for three years. Webelos may optionally wear the official green BSA web belt with the Scouts BSA logo metal slide buckle.

Insignia.

- a) Pins.** Only approved and earned pins, loops and patches may be worn on the uniform and placed on the uniform only according to official guidelines.
- b) Adventure Loops.** Loops shall be worn on the belt and shall remain even after rank advancement.
- c) Badges and Patches.** Badges and patches must be ironed or sewn onto the shirt exactly as specified in the Cub Scout Insignia Guide. Sewing is recommended, as badges and patches often need to be removed or repositioned and ironed patches are difficult to remove. If a badge or patch begins to detach, it must be reattached before attending any meeting
- d) Placement.** All official insignia guides are found at <https://www.scouting.org/resources/insignia-guide> (as of September, 2019). The Scout Shop can sew badges and patches onto Field Uniforms for a small fee. The Pack may also hold occasional Patch-O-Ree events to raise money for the pack by sewing patches on uniforms.

Scouter Field (Class A) Uniforms. Adult Leaders of all types are required to wear the following to all Cub Scouting events, except during events where Activity uniforms are allowed:

- a) Shirt.** BSA tan uniform shirt with long or short sleeves. Blue shoulder loops. Tucked into pants at all times, regardless of type of shirt.
- b) Pants.** Official green BSA pants, shorts or skort, or blue jeans.
- c) Belt.** Official green web belt with metal BSA buckle or scout leather belt with official scout belt buckle.
- d) Socks.** Any solid color socks or official green BSA socks of any length.

- e) **Shoes.** Close-toed leather or canvas shoes are required but may be any color. Sandals, flip-flops, Crocs, etc. are prohibited.
- f) **Cap.** Optional, any BSA approved cap or hat may be worn. Campaign hats may be worn by the Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmaster only.
- g) **Neckerchief and Slide.** Optional.
- h) **Insignia.** Patches and other official insignia must be placed according to BSA requirements. The latest requirements may be found at <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34048.pdf> (as of September, 2019).

Activity (Class B) Uniform. A Pack T-shirt or other Cub Scouting T-shirt shall be authorized for wear by Cub Scouts and Scouters when the Field Uniform has been determined not appropriate for scheduled Den or Pack events by that event's leaders. Pants/shorts shall be of the Scouter or Cub Scout's choice. The Scouter or Cub Scout may wear the official belt if desired but is not required. There are no requirements regarding shoes and socks. Caps, neckerchiefs, awards or any other part of the Field Uniform are prohibited while wearing an Activity Uniform.

Non-Leader Uniforms. Individuals who are not officially registered as Scouters with the Pack are prohibited from wearing an official uniform but are welcome and encouraged to wear any non-uniform BSA wear.

Brag Vest (Patch Vest). Brag vests are not part of the official Field uniform. While they may be worn to Den and Pack meetings and events, they may not be worn during official ceremonies. Cub Scouts are encouraged to wear brag vests.

Provision of Uniform. Leaders shall provide their own uniforms. Cub Scouts shall provide their own uniforms. No Cub Scout will be denied the opportunity to participate due to an inability to purchase uniform items. If a Cub Scout cannot purchase a uniform, discrete arrangements shall be made through the Committee to obtain the proper items for that Cub Scout.

This policy was adopted on _____ date.