

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Awards From Other Scouting Associations

Scouters occasionally receive awards from Scouting associations of other nations, and it is important that they know how these awards should be worn. This does not include jamboree patches. Following are the regulations for wearing such awards:

1. They are always worn when visiting the country whose Scouting association presented the award or when attending a meeting or function attended by Scouters from that country.
2. Medals awarded by other associations are worn above the left breast pocket.

Badges of Other Organizations

The general rule is that badges awarded by organizations other than the Boy Scouts of America may not be worn on an official uniform. This includes military medals and service ribbons.

There are, however, notable exceptions. Among them are religious emblems and those special badges approved by local councils in conjunction with the national memorandums of understanding and partnerships.

The Boy Scouts of America recognizes the religious emblems programs that belong to each faith group. Anyone (youth or adult) who, as a member of another youth agency (e.g., Girl Scouts of the USA, Camp Fire USA, a Sunday school class, etc.), has earned the religious emblem of their faith is eligible to wear the approved religious emblem on their respective uniform.

Individuals would also be eligible to wear the religious square knot, without any device. Female Venturers and Sea Scouts who have earned the Girl Scout Gold Award may wear the badge on their Venturing uniform shirt's left pocket flap.

Patch Trading

Boy Scouts and Venturers attending jamborees may trade among themselves articles and novelties of a local or regional nature. The trading of such items as badges of office, rank, distinguished service, training, performance, achievement, and distinction, however, is a violation of Article X of the Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America, forbidding the holding of these badges by any but the members who have complied with the requirements for them.

Headgear Regulations

Official headgear may be worn while the unit or individual is participating in an indoor formal ceremony or service duty, except in religious institutions where custom forbids. Typical indoor activities of this type are flag ceremonies, inspections, orderly duty, or ushering service. In any informal indoor activity where no official ceremony is involved, the headgear is removed as when in street clothes. The Scouter dress uniform is always worn without headgear.

Pins may be worn on the jamboree hat but only while at the jamboree, and Webelos adventure pins may be worn on the Webelos cap (see pages 20–21). The large standard First Class metal pin, No. 17, has been reinstated as an option to the cloth First Class rank badge. The large pin may also be worn only by boys on the front of the campaign hat, No. 501 (64–76), sizes 6 1/2 to 7 3/4, and the expedition hat, No. 637 (91–94), sizes 6 1/8 to 7 5/8. Adults may wear the adult universal hat pin, No. 50150, on the campaign hat and the expedition hat. No other pins may be worn on official headgear of the BSA.

Cub Scout leader headgear is optional. If it is worn, pack leaders wear the olive/red visor cap; den leaders wear the same visored cap as the youth they serve.

Council Shoulder Emblems

A custom multicolor council shoulder emblem is designed for each council and dramatizes local tradition for all members of the council. All council shoulder emblems shall be of a size and shape as defined by the National Council. The defined size and shape is restricted for council shoulder emblems only. Any insignia that resembles the shape and size of a council shoulder emblem is not permitted.

District Insignia

Districts are the operational arms of the local council. Individuals are not identified as residents of a district, but of the local council and the Boy Scouts of America. For this reason, district insignia is not authorized for wear on the uniform. Where it seems desirable to identify district participation in council activities, district flags or banners may be authorized. They are described in the “Flags” section of this book.

Drum and Bugle Corps Uniforms

Boy Scouts or Venturers who are members of bands, drill teams, or drum and bugle corps affiliated with a unit or a local council must wear the official uniform for their registration status. The wearing of special helmets, scarves, gloves, or unofficial leggings, and the carrying of ceremonial guns or swords by members of such organizations using the uniforms of the BSA is in violation of the Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America. The musician badge is the only special insignia that may be worn by the members of these organizations. It is worn on the right sleeve, centered just below (½ inch) the patrol medallion. See the “Boy Scout Insignia” section.

Excess Insignia

With the exception of the Cub Scout badges of rank, members wear only the insignia that show their present status in the movement. **Members should make every effort to keep their uniforms neat and uncluttered.** Previously earned badges and insignia—not representing present status—make a fine display on a BSA red patch vest, on a trophy hide or blanket, exhibited in the home of the recipient, or at functions where such a display is invited. Boy Scouts may wear only temporary patches (no badges of rank) on the back of the merit badge sash.

Jamboree Insignia

Jamboree emblems for Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts, or Venturers are worn only by registered jamboree participants and staff and are centered above the Boy Scouts of America strip, the Venturing strip, or the Sea Scout strip. No more than two jamboree patches may be worn on the shirt—one current national jamboree patch above the right pocket and one current world jamboree patch on the right pocket. If the wearer has an interpreter strip above the pocket, merely move the jamboree emblem upward sufficiently to accommodate it.

Council jamboree shoulder patches cannot have pictorial representations or descriptive remarks relating to commercial corporations or commercial products without approval by the national office and authorization to use these representations and remarks by the commercial corporation. The national office has the sole discretion in accepting or declining any use of a pictorial representation or descriptive remark of a commercial corporation or product.

Jackets and Their Insignia

Multicolored jackets are available for optional wear by youth members and adult leaders. The universal emblem should be worn on the left pocket or, in case of a jacket without chest pockets, in the same area. The Philmont bull emblem is especially designed for the red or

green wool jac-shirt to be sewn on the left side above the pocket.

On all jackets, Philmont Scout Ranch, Philmont Training Center, or high-adventure base emblems may be worn centered on the right pocket or in the same relative position if there is no pocket. The Order of the Arrow has adopted the jac-shirt as its official jacket, and members may wear the 6-inch national Order of the Arrow patch centered on the back.

The large Philmont, NESAs, jamboree, National Camping School, and international participant emblems are approved to be worn on the back of the jacket. Only one such emblem may be worn at a time.

Badges of Rank Limited to Youth Members

In Scouting, **the advancement program is limited to youth members only.** Adult Scouters should neither seek awards designed for youth members nor wear them on the Scouter uniform except for square knots representing the Arrow of Light rank, Eagle Scout Award, Venturing Summit Award, Quartermaster Award, or religious emblems earned as a youth member.

Two Badges With the Same Meaning

Cloth badges and embroidered square knots are representative of metal pin-on awards and are designed for the convenience of the wearer. Generally, when a cloth badge or knot is worn, the metal one is not worn.

Temporary Insignia

Temporary insignia are issued for such events as summer camp, camporees, and Scouting shows. Order of the Arrow regional and national meetings and training activities may also provide such insignia (the Totin' Chip patch is also temporary insignia).

Only one such patch may be worn at a time. The patch is worn centered on the right pocket and must neither exceed the dimension of the seams of the pocket nor extend higher than the lowest tip of the pocket flap. It may be either sewn or suspended from under the flap attached to the button.

Female leaders wearing either the traditional yellow Cub Scout leader blouse, the optional tan leader blouse, or the Venturing blouse may wear one temporary insignia centered above the Boy Scouts of America or Venturing BSA strip.

Temporary insignia are not required for correct uniforming. Consider displaying temporary insignia in ways other than on the uniform. Here are some suggestions:

- Wear it on a BSA red patch vest, campfire robe or blanket, or special neckerchief.
- Display it on a wall plaque, on a trophy hide, or mounted in a frame.
- Make a special neckerchief slide, sectional totem pole, or flagpole insignia for display.
- Avoid shapes and sizes that could too closely resemble a council shoulder emblem.

Scouting Identification

It is mandatory that all patches and emblems worn on BSA uniforms be obtained from official sources, such as Scout shops and www.scoutstuff.org.

Badges of rank, advancement, or position that are manufactured by the Boy Scouts of America as official patches do not require corporate identification. Scouting identification is mandatory not only for patches and emblems but also for T-shirts, caps, and other apparel that commemorate or promote a Scouting event.

This means that all council-approved Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, and Venturing badges also must bear a BSA identification to help protect the BSA brand, and that these BSA cloth badges must be approved by the national office.

Scouter Dress Uniforms

Scouter dress uniforms are worn with a red, blue, and gold men's tie, 57 inches, No. 14147; men's tie, 61 inches, No. 14146; ladies' scarf, No. 92102, and scarf ring, No. 128; or ladies' bow tie, No. 74145. Dress uniforms are worn with white shirts or blouses. Detachable emblems are worn on the left pocket. Scouter's dress uniform blazer, pant, and skirt available from Scout shops.

The Neckerchief

Official neckerchiefs. Official neckerchiefs are triangular in shape. Tiger neckerchiefs, No. 620616, are orange and blue. Cub Scout neckerchiefs are gold with blue border, No. 802, for boys working in the *Wolf Handbook* and light blue with dark blue border, No. 801, for boys working in the *Bear Handbook*. The universal Cub Scout emblem is displayed in a central position on the downward corner. Cub Scout leaders may wear the blue and gold Cub Scout leader's neckerchief, No. 64070. Webelos Scouts wear the gold, green, and red plaid neckerchief, No. 64077, with the Webelos emblem on the downward corner. A Webelos leader wears a neckerchief, No. 64078, similar to the Webelos Scout neckerchief, except that it has gold embroidered edging and is larger.

A special Lone Scout neckerchief, No. 611209, is gold with the black and red printed insignia of the Lone Scout. It is worn by both Lone Cub Scouts and Lone Boy Scouts.

Boy Scout neckerchiefs are optional. Troops choose their own official neckerchief. All members of a troop wear the same color. The troop decides by vote, and all members abide by the decision. If the neckerchief is not worn, then the shirt is worn with open collar. Boy Scout and Boy Scout leader neckerchiefs may be worn in a variety of plain colors and contrasting borders.

Neckerchiefs available through the Supply Group include the embroidered universal Scouting emblem if permanent press, or printed if not. Local councils may prescribe that the specific official neckerchief be worn by Boy Scouts and Scouters on a council or district basis. When engaged in Scouting activities, members may wear the neckerchief with appropriate nonuniform clothing to identify them as Scouts.

Special neckerchiefs, the same size as the official ones, may be authorized by local councils. Such neckerchiefs may include identification of the chartered organization. The standard designed neckerchief may be personalized with troop number, city, and state. By troop approval, an Eagle Scout may wear an Eagle Scout neckerchief.

Neckerchief slides. Several official slides are available from the Supply Group. Boy-made handicraft slides also may be worn.

**Tiger
Scout**



No. 80000

**Wolf
Scout**



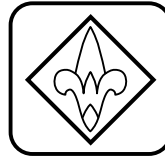
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Scout**



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**Webelos
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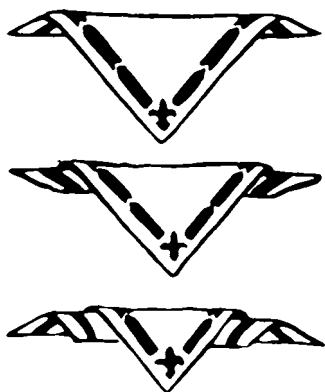
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**Boy
Scout**

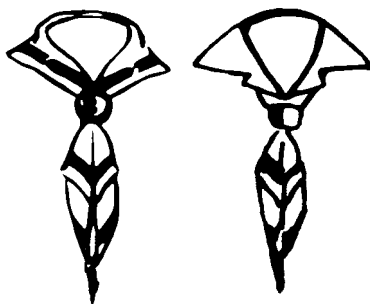


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How to Wear the Neckerchief



a. 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.



b. The unit has a choice of wearing the neckerchief over the collar (with the collar tucked in) or under the collar.



c. Draw neckerchief slide over ends and adjust to fit snugly.

Shoulder Loops

Colored shoulder loops worn on the shoulder epaulets identify the wearer's current role in Scouting, and must correspond with the badge of office, when one is worn.

Cub Scouting—blue, No. 677

Boy Scouting—forest green, No. 64017

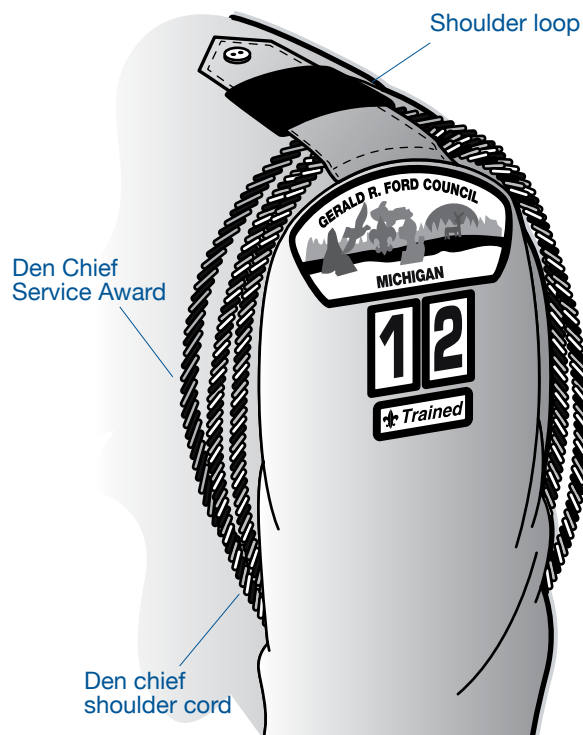
Varsity Scouting—blaze (orange), No. 681

Venturing—green, No. 678

Council and district (including chartered organization representative)—silver, No. 680

National, regional, and area—gold, No. 679

Custom loops or other colors are not authorized for wear with the BSA uniform.



Belts

Cub Scouts wear the official Cub Scout navy blue web belt with metal buckle and Cub Scout emblem. Tigers wear the official Cub Scout navy blue web belt with metal buckle and Tiger emblem. For Webelos Scouts, the official Cub Scout navy blue web belt with metal buckle and Webelos Scout emblem is preferred for wear with either the blue or tan Webelos Scout uniform. Cub Scout adventure loops are worn only on the navy belt. Webelos Scouts also have the option of wearing the official Boy Scout web belt with the metal Boy Scout buckle.

Female adult Cub Scout leaders wearing the blue and gold uniform also wear the official Cub Scout navy blue web belt with metal buckle and Cub Scout or Webelos Scout emblem. Adult leaders wearing the tan uniform wear the official Boy Scout web belt with the metal Boy Scout buckle.

Leather camp, high-adventure base, or Wood Badge belts with official BSA buckles also may be worn with the youth or adult uniform. Venturers may wear a belt of their choice or the black web belt with the black Venturing buckle.