

Boy Scout Uniform

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The official Boy Scout uniform is the default uniform of the BSA and can be worn by any adult leader, by Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts and as an option for Webelos Scouts. Units vote to select uniform options for the belt, hat and neckwear.

The shirt is a khaki (tan) shirt. Adult and youth males wear olive green pants or shorts while female leaders may wear olive green pants, shorts, culottes or a skirt. Options for pants include the standard pants or the Switchbacks™ zip-offs that were introduced in 2006; these are made of lightweight nylon material and zip off at the knee to convert them into shorts. Socks are olive green knee with a red band around the top and are available in different lengths. The official belt is an olive webbed belt with a brass buckle with the Scout emblem; other belt styles are available. The shirt has buttons, a pointed collar, two front button-flap pockets, and shoulder epaulets with shoulder loops.

There are two current official hats: The twill cap is of the baseball cap style and is olive green with a red front panel and the Scout emblem. The campaign hat (or Smokey Bear hat) may be worn as a unit option, but is usually only worn by leaders due to cost and high upkeep. Any hat that was once part of the uniform, such as the red beret or the flat cap), may be worn as selected by the unit. Many units elect to create custom caps. Troop 137, Hazlet, NJ, wears a custom hat that is blue in color with identifying writing in gold stitching. Periodically, the Troop will create an anniversary hat with stitching on the back of the hat celebrating the anniversary year.

Neckwear includes the neckerchief and the bolo tie as selected by the unit. A variety of official neckerchiefs are available or the troop can create their own design. Troop 137, Hazlet, NJ, wears a custom neckerchief that is blue in color with an identifying logo. Periodically, the Troop will create an anniversary neckerchief with a logo celebrating the anniversary year. Many troops now opt not to wear neckwear. Special neckerchiefs such as Eagle Scout or Wood Badge are generally worn on formal occasions.

Insignia such as merit badge sashes, medals, and pins are generally only worn only on formal occasions.