

Boy Scout Uniform

The required components of the Scout Uniform are as follows:

- Scout shirt, either short- or long-sleeve (short-sleeve suggested) with SHAC shoulder flap, and the world crest
- Scout pants, either long or short (nylon version with zip-off legs is best)
- Scout web belt (not needed if purchase nylon version of the pants)
- Scout socks (normal type suggested, not the knee socks)

Items NOT needed:

- Neckerchief (Troop 55 has its own neckerchief)
- Neckerchief slide (Troop 55 will provide)
- "55" troop number (Troop 55 will provide)
- Red shoulder loops (Troop 55 will provide)
- Official hat
- Merit badge sash (will be needed later, but not for new Scouts)

Patches

The Arrow of Light patch, if earned, should be added to the shirt.

If using a shirt used as a Webelos, all patches should be removed except for the SHAC shoulder flap, "55", the U.S. flag, and the world crest. The purple knot for the Cub Scout religious award should be removed as the religious award to be earned as a Boy Scout is a different award.

The patrol patch will be added once the patrols are set.

Leadership patch will be added later, and usually is provided by the troop.

Advancement awards and merit badges are provided by the troop when earned.

When to wear the uniform

At least the scout uniform shirt should be worn to all troop meetings, and the neckerchief is optional. The full uniform, including neckerchief, should be worn to all Boards of Review, Courts of Honor, and Scout Sunday. The scout uniform shirt is to be worn to and from all campouts and similar outings, but not the neckerchief, and the uniform pants are optional.

Additional item from the Scout Shop

The booklet titled "Boy Scout Requirements 2006" ("2007" available in Feb '07) is optional but very useful. This booklet contains the requirements for all 120+ merit badges. The troop library contains individual booklets for each merit badge, but this summary booklet is very useful when deciding on which merit badges to work. Same info also available at www.meritbadge.com

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