

TROOP 469

Uniform Policy

Uniforms - General Information

The Scouting program in America has always included uniforms for its members and volunteers to identify them and show they are part of the Boy Scouts of America. The tan and green Field uniform is a well known symbol of American Scouting.

All Scouts in the program wear the same basic Field uniform with the major differences being the badges each scout has earned, the troop specific insignia and neckerchief. The official Field uniform is commonly referred to as the 'Class A', not a correct BSA term.

Activity uniforms are worn for work projects, sporting activities, and other events in which the Field uniform might be damaged, or otherwise deemed inappropriate for the activity. The Activity uniform is commonly referred to as 'Class B', not a correct BSA term.

All Scouts and Adult Leaders (aka Scouter) are expected to be in the correct uniform at every activity as specified in the Troop Activity section.

Uniform inspections may be held periodically, using the Boy Scout Uniform Inspection Sheet to advise boys on the care and correct wearing of uniforms and insignia.

BSA has specific guidelines for appropriate uniform and allows each unit to modify the uniform appropriately as described in the Notes and Troop 469 Uniform:

Notes

- The official uniforms of the Boy Scouts of America are those authorized by the organization's National Executive Board and are described in the current handbooks, catalogs, and other official publications of the BSA.
- No alterations of, or additions to, the official uniform may be made by any Scout, Leader, or Scouting official without permission from the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Camouflage hunting and military-style clothing, combined with or worn instead of the official BSA uniform, are not acceptable for wear during any Scouting activity.
- **BSA Khaki Shirt** - Official BSA khaki Scout shirt (*short or long sleeve*)
 - **Insignia to purchase:** World Crest, Arrow of Light (*if appropriate*), Council Strip, Unit number (*red or green*), Shoulder loops for style of uniform shirt (*red or green*)
 - **Insignia provided by the Troop:** Patrol patch, Quality Unit award (*if appropriate*), Appropriate Rank patch, Badge of office position, Trained strip (*if appropriate*), Appropriate Service Star with green backing
 - Only BSA approved badges and insignia may be worn on a the uniform. Proper placement of badges and awards can be found inside the front and back covers of the Scout Handbook or in the BSA Uniform Guide, available from the troop librarian.
- **BSA Olive Pants** - Official BSA olive Scout full pants, or switchback pants (may be converted between pants and shorts as appropriate)
- **BSA Olive Shorts** - Official BSA olive Scout shorts.
- **Blue Jean Pants/Shorts**- Must be blue and in good condition without holes, tears, frays, excessive wear or fading.
- **BSA Belt** - Belts must be worn with pants or shorts manufactured with belt loops.

- An Official BSA olive web belt with BSA buckle shall be worn with BSA pants or shorts, and may be worn with blue jean pants/shorts.
 - The Official BSA nylon switchback pants have a built in belt.
 - An approved BSA leather belt (*or other approved material*) may be worn with BSA pants or shorts and blue jean pants/shorts
- **BSA Olive Socks** - Official BSA olive Scout socks with red stripe at top or solid olive with a “BSA” stamp.
 - Socks - All socks must be visible above the shoe or boot. This practice permits the sock to function properly to prevent the shoe or boot from rubbing the foot, ankle or heel, and avoids the question, "are you wearing any socks?"
- **Closed Toe Shoes** - Uppers shall be constructed from leather and/or canvas.
 - For regular activities shoes will be sneakers, boots, or similar laced footwear
 - Specific footwear may vary depending on activity.
 - Swim or shower shoes are only appropriate when involved in a water activity or in the shower, and may not be worn with any of the described uniforms.
- **Troop 469 Neckerchief** - Each new Scout will receive a red neckerchief with the Troop patch sewn on. Neckerchiefs will be available from the Committee.
 - Although this is a matter of preference, for consistency the neckerchief should be worn under the collar.
 - Eagle Scouts may wear the Eagle bolo or BSA Eagle neckerchief and slide in place of the Troop neckerchief and slide.
 - Likewise, Wood badge neckerchief, beads, and woggle may replace the Troop neckerchief and slide.
- **Neckerchief Slide** - Official BSA slide or other approved handcrafted slide
- **Merit Badge Sash** – The Merit badge sash is worn over the right shoulder displaying merit badges earned by the Scout. Merit Badges are attached to front (and back if needed) of sash. The sash may not be worn with the Order of the Arrow sash.
- **Order of the Arrow Sash** - The Order of the Arrow sash Should only be worn during OA functions. It is worn under the right shoulder epaulet with the arrow pointing up and over the right shoulder. The sash may not be worn with the Merit Badge sash.
- **Troop 469 Hat** - The baseball style Troop 469 hat (available from the Committee).
 - Wearing a hat is optional, but encouraged for sun protection.
 - May be worn with the Field, Modified Field, Activity, or Uniform of the Day uniforms
 - Adults may substitute Official BSA Campaign style hats or other BSA felt hat.
- **Scout-Related Hat** - Scouting related hat such as Summer Camp, Camporee, Jamboree, etc.
 - Wearing a hat is optional, but encouraged for sun protection.
 - May be worn ONLY with the Activity uniform or Uniform of the Day
 - Remember, Scout hat or NO HAT.
 - Adults may substitute any Official BSA hat with other Scouting related hat.
- **Troop 469 Tee Shirt** – current Troop 469 tee shirt
 - May be worn with the Activity uniform or Uniform of the Day
 - Suggested that it is worn under the BSA Khai shirt, to enable a scout to adjust appropriately for all activities.
- **Alternate Troop 469 Tee Shirt** – a customized Troop tee shirt for a specific activity.
 - To adhere to the pupose of wearing a uniform, the selection of an alternate Troop tee shirt is not left to individual Scouts.
 - May be worn as a Uniform of the Day, a specific alternate Troop tee shirt will be announced, prior to that day's activity.

- **Scout-Related Tee Shirt** – a scouting related tee shirt from a specific scout event or camp.
 - May be worn as a Uniform of the Day, a scout-related tee shirt of their choice will be announced, prior to that day's activity.

Troop 469 - Uniform

Scout uniforms are categorized by the Troop in four classes: Field, Modified Field, Activity, and Uniform of the Day, as described below (*refer to the Notes for specific descriptions*):

- **Field** (*The BSA uniform is to be worn with pride and honor by keeping the shirt buttoned properly, clean, and tucked in the pants or shorts*)
 - BSA khaki shirt
 - BSA olive pants/shorts
 - BSA belt
 - BSA olive socks
 - Closed toe shoes
 - Troop 469 neckerchief and approved slide (*see notes*)
 - Merit Badge sash or Order of the Arrow sash
 - Troop 469 hat (*optional*)

- **Modified Field** (*The BSA uniform is to be worn with pride and honor by keeping the shirt buttoned properly, clean, and tucked in the pants or shorts*)
 - BSA khaki shirt
 - BSA olive pants or shorts (*preferred*)
 - Blue jean pants or blue jean shorts (*optional, see notes*)
 - BSA belt
 - BSA olive socks
 - Closed toe shoes
 - Troop 469 hat (*optional*)

- **Activity**
 - Troop 469 tee shirt
 - BSA olive pants or shorts (*preferred*)
 - Blue jean pants or blue jean shorts (*optional, see notes*)
 - BSA belt
 - Socks (*must be visible above shoe*)
 - Closed toe shoes (*see notes*)
 - Troop 469 Hat or Scout-related hat (*optional*)

- **Uniform of the Day**
 - Alternate Troop 469 tee shirt or Scout-related tee shirt (*announced prior to activity, see notes*)
 - BSA olive pants or shorts (*preferred*)
 - Blue jeans or blue jean shorts (*optional, see notes*)
 - BSA belt
 - Socks (*must be visible above shoe*)
 - Closed toe shoes (*see notes*)
 - Troop 469 Hat or Scout-related hat (*optional*)