

# Full and Complete Uniform and Uniform Inspections

## Coastal Sage District Round Table

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### Who:

Should do uniform inspections: All Troops, Crews, Ships

Should lead uniform inspections: PL or SPL, President or PL equivalent, Boatswain or PL equivalent.

### What:

What is a full and complete uniform? Scouts BSA

[https://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Uniform#When\\_is\\_a\\_Scout\\_.22in\\_uniform.22.3F](https://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Uniform#When_is_a_Scout_.22in_uniform.22.3F)

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1. **Shirt and Neckwear.** Official long- or short-sleeve uniform shirt with green shoulder loops on epaulets. The troop may vote to wear a neckerchief, bolo tie, or no neckwear. In any case, the collar should be unbuttoned. The troop has the choice of wearing the neckerchief over the turned-under collar or under the open collar.
  2. **Belt.** Official Scouts BSA web belt with BSA insignia on buckle; or official leather belt with buckle of your choice, worn only if voted by the troop/team. Members wear one of the belts chosen by vote of the troop.
  3. **Pants/Shorts.** Official, olive, no cuffs. (Units have no option to change.)
  4. **Socks.** Official socks with official shorts or pants. (Long socks are optional with shorts.)
    - **Headgear.** Optional - All troop members must wear the headgear chosen by vote of the troop.
    - **Shoes.** Leather or canvas, neat and clean.
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“ Effective Oct. 1, 2013, the official stance on the Boy Scouts of America’s uniform policy is that shirts and blouses are to be worn tucked in, regardless of whether the wearer is a Cub Scout, Scout, Sea Scout, Venturer, or adult Scouter. In the past, guidelines have simply stated the uniform wearer should be neat in appearance. Neatness includes tucking in the shirt or blouse. This update will appear in related resources, such as the uniform inspection sheets, as they are revised and printed. ”

— [Guide to Awards and Insignia](#) (2018), § Section 1: Official Policy, p.5

Field Uniform (Class A) vs Activity Uniform (Class B)

Shoulder Loops - <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2014/07/30/different-colors-scouting-shoulder-loops-mean/>

Uniform Inspection Scouts BSA Youth -

[https://mediafiles.scoutshop.org/m2pdf/6568\\_103111\\_BS\\_UniformInspSheet\\_R11.pdf](https://mediafiles.scoutshop.org/m2pdf/6568_103111_BS_UniformInspSheet_R11.pdf)

Uniform Inspection Scouts BSA Adult Leaders -

[https://mediafiles.scoutshop.org/m2pdf/6568\\_103111\\_Ldr\\_UniformInspSheet\\_R12.pdf](https://mediafiles.scoutshop.org/m2pdf/6568_103111_Ldr_UniformInspSheet_R12.pdf)

Venturing - [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33066/33066\\_Venturing\\_Insignia\\_WEB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33066/33066_Venturing_Insignia_WEB.pdf)

Sea Scouts - <https://seascout.org/uniforming/>

### **When:**

The frequency of uniform inspections depends on the unit.

“A basic uniform inspection can be done in a minute or less at the beginning of each meeting. A full Patrol/equipment inspection should be done at least before every camping trip. Many Scout Troops hold them throughout the camping trip as well to make sure the high standard of cleanliness is maintained.”

It can be done during meetings just after the opening ceremony (smaller troops) or during the patrol meetings portion of a troop meeting (larger troops).

I’ve even seen them done at summer camps.

### **Why:**

The Scout Uniform is one of the Aims and Methods of the Scouts BSA Program.

From *The Aims and Methods of Boy Scouting* - “The uniform makes the troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. Scouts BSA is an action program, and wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Scout’s commitment to the aims and purpose of Scouting. The uniform gives the Scout identity in a world brotherhood of youth who believe in the same ideals.

The uniform is practical attire for Scout activities, and provides a way for Scouts to wear the badges that show what they have accomplished.”

<http://scoutingrediscovered.com/the-scouts-guide-to-patrol-inspections/>

“The uniform is an important visual distinction of a Scout, and if it doesn’t matter how ratty it looks or how carelessly it is worn, than that indifferent attitude affects the perception of Scouting (not to mention reputation in public!).”

### **How:**

Make it FUN!!

Demonstrate NYLT uniform inspection;

Hat, Class A, Shoulder Loops, Neckerchief, Woggle, Belt, water bottle, song book, flag, yell, enthusiasm.

wood badge uniform inspection.

“The erroneously elongated yet elegantly entertaining Eagles are in their full and complete uniform including their compass in their right front pocket.”

