

TROOP UNIFORM INFORMATION

Class A Uniform. Troop 271 calls the official BSA uniform the "Class A uniform". For Troop 271, this consists of:

- Scout long-sleeved or short-sleeved shirt with red shoulder loops and appropriate Council and Troop insignia,
- Scout pants or shorts,
- Scout belt and buckle, and
- Scout socks or knee socks.

Each year the Scouts vote on neckerchief and hats. Currently the neckerchief is part of the uniform and BSA hats or caps are optional for outdoor wear with their Class A. Scout hats are only to be worn with the bill forward. Neckerchiefs are to be worn with official slides or boy-made slides. Belts can be a Scout official olive web belt with the metal Boy Scout buckle, or a leather camp, high-adventure base, or Wood Badge belt with official BSA buckle. The new scout pants have an official built-in belt buckle. Each Scout can decide on wearing a merit badge sash or not. The uniform shirts are to be tucked in and buttoned. Overgarments are to be removed when indoors unless the temperature clearly warrants it.

New Scouts are expected to acquire their uniforms concurrent with registration in the Troop, except for their neckerchiefs. Neckerchiefs will be given to the Scouts by the Troop. Each spring new scouts to our troop will tie-dye a neckerchief. He will not see the finished neckerchief until the Court of Honor at which he is recognized for having achieved the rank of Second Class.

Scouts are encouraged to donate outgrown uniforms to the troop uniform bank. Contact the Uniform Bank Coordinator Tessie Zavala-Zimmer. If the Uniform Bank can not accommodate the Scout's needs and he has financial constraints preventing him from buying a uniform, he needs to contact the Scoutmaster.

Modified Class A Uniform for Troop Meetings. Each year the Scouts also vote on a "modified Class A" for Troop Meetings. While Scout shirts are always required, they vote on Scout pants, neckerchiefs, socks, and belts. Currently, and until further notice, the Scouts voted against Scout pants, neckerchiefs, socks, or belts during Troop meetings. However, non-Scout pants or shorts need to be able to take a belt. Sweatpants, athletic shorts, or suspenders are not allowed.

Class B Uniforms. The "Class B Uniform" or "BSA Outdoor Uniform" for Troop 271 consists of the Troop or a BSA camp T-shirt. Scout pants or Scout shorts are voted on annually. Currently, and until further notice, Scout pants or shorts are not required. Non-Scout pants or shorts need to be able to take a belt (i.e., sweatpants or athletic wear is not allowed). Contact the Class B T-shirt Coordinator Cindy Svacina to purchase the T-shirt.

When to wear uniforms. In addition to Troop meetings at Standley, Scouts are expected to wear their full Class A uniform at all ceremonial and indoor activities, such as Scoutmaster's Conference, Board of Review, Court of Honor, appointments with Merit Badge Counselor, flag ceremonies, and uniform inspections. If a Scout does not show up in full uniform to a SM Conference or BoR, as required, he will be asked to go home to get his uniform, reschedule, or other consequences as deemed necessary by the responsible adult. In addition, Scouts are expected to wear their full Class A uniforms on all military bases, to and from summer camp and special times at summer camp (e.g., meals and flag ceremonies or as designated by the camp director). Fundraising activities for council-sponsored product or services or tickets sold for Scouting functions, volunteer community activities, and other formal occasions when representing BSA, may be designated for class A uniforms by the scoutmaster.

Scouts are to wear the Class B uniform during high adventure outings, if designated by the adult leader, outings such as bowling, golf, broomball, etc., troop meetings held outside, and traveling to and from all outings unless otherwise noted on flyer. If for any reason the class B uniform is not available, a Class A uniform is required.

When not to wear uniforms. Uniforms are not required at Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) and Patrol Meetings. Scout uniforms cannot be worn when selling commercially branded products or services, even for Scout fundraising purposes, or in situations that might mistakenly imply an endorsement by BSA of a product, service, political candidate, or philosophy.

NOTE: The official Troop 271 By-laws, Policy, Procedures, and Guideline take precedence over this informational sheet.