

Troop 554 Uniform Guide

Scouts are expected to be in either a "Class A" or "Class B" uniform at all meetings and functions unless otherwise directed by Troop leaders. Here are some basic understandings:

Class A: Consists of the official BSA dress shirt complete with badges. The shirt is a solid tan color with a collar and has epaulets on each shoulder. The shirt must always be buttoned and tucked into the scout's pants.

Badges are considered part of the Class A uniform and should be either sewn on or attached using "Badge Magic" (or other fabric adhesive). Scouts may utilize a sash to present earned merit badge patches as part of the Class A uniform. Please refer to the Scout Handbook for proper location and orientation of any uniform badges.

Troop 554 includes both a neckerchief and slide as part of the official Class A uniform. The neckerchief is dark blue and may or may not have silver trim depending upon the year purchased. The slide must be approved by Troop 554.

Class B: Consists of an official scout T-Shirt that comes from BSA nationals, a scout camp, or Troop 554. It may be worn under a Class A uniform shirt allowing the Class A shirt to be removed while still enabling the scout to be considered to be "in uniform".

Pants/Shorts/Socks/Belt: BSA policy expects that the official pants or shorts (with official socks) be worn at all times for the uniform to be considered official. We encourage scouts to be in a full, official uniform but realize that the expense is not practical for some families. If scouts do not have official pants, etc., we expect that they wear a nice pair of blue jeans. At no time should scouts wear printed or otherwise distracting pants nor should jeans with holes be worn as part of a Class A or Class B uniform.

Saluting the American Flag: There is debate about when a scout should salute the flag and when he should place his hand over his heart. After research and discussions, Troop 554 leadership has decided that Troop 554 scouts should only use the scout salute when wearing a Class A uniform as outlined above. Scouts wearing a Class B shirt should place their hand on their heart--the same as they would any time that they are not in uniform.

Fundraising: Scouts are not permitted to wear a Class A uniform when selling any fundraising items except for official BSA Popcorn. Scouts are also not permitted to wear the uniform to collect for other organizations/charities. An example is a scout is not permitted to wear a uniform and be a bell ringer at a Salvation Army donation kettle.

Political Events: Scouts should never wear an official uniform at any political or campaign event or activity. This could include attending campaign speeches, passing out political/election literature, etc. NOTE: There is a difference between participating in community activities where elected officials may be speaking and participating in political activities.

An example when wearing a Class A or Class B uniform is appropriate is a Memorial Day Parade/Ceremony at which elected officials will also speak.

An example of when wearing a Class A or Class B uniform is not permitted is volunteering to help park cars at a campaign speech.

If any scout or scout parent ever has a question about the appropriateness of wearing a scout uniform, please check with Moraine Trails Council in advance.