# Troop 1911

# **Uniform Norms and Guidance for Troop 1911 Events**

- \* *Note*: In general, Scouts should wear the Uniform with pride. Uniform should be as complete as possible, and patches/awards/badges displayed appropriately. In the event that a Scout does not have access to a piece of the Uniform, we encourage the Scout to dress with the best available option (e.g., clean-looking jeans are preferred to gym shorts when given the choice). Scouts cannot and will not be excluded from any activity for lack of uniform.
- \* Occasionally, the Troop has donated uniform pieces available to Scouts. Check with the Scoutmaster to see what is available. Scouts are encouraged to donate their outgrown uniform pieces to the Troop for others to utilize.

#### Field Uniform ("Class A")

*Shirt*: Any official BSA long- or short-sleeved uniform shirt. Khaki preferred for a uniform look to the Troop. Patches are properly placed and up to date. See official BSA insignia guide for placement. Shirts are worn clean and tucked in.

*Neckerchief*: There are two neckerchiefs appropriate for Scouts: 1) The Troop 1911 black embroidered neckerchief, and 2) the Eagle Scout neckerchief. Adults who have completed Woodbadge Training may wear the Woodbadge neckerchief. Neckerchiefs are rolled, worn under the collar, and fastened with a slide of choice (nonoffensive).

*Belt*: Any BSA or BSA-affiliate issue belt and buckle. This includes the green web belt as well as leather Philmont belt and buckle (for example). If the Scout does not have a Scout belt, a clean-looking neutral color belt should be worn.

*Pants*: Green Scout pants or shirts are preferred. However, non-Scout green pants are an acceptable alternative. If green pants are not available, the Scout should choose the nicest option available.

*Merit Badge Sash:* Scouts may wear merit badge sashes to formal ceremonies, such as flag presentations and Courts of Honor. The sash is worn over the right shoulder, on top of the epaulet, and may be fastened to the uniform shoulder with a pin to keep it in place. Merit badges should be displayed on the front of the sash, and the Troop has a tradition of displaying Activity patches (such as the 50-miler award) on the back.

*Hat*: Hats are optional. If a Scout wears a hat, it should be an official BSA or BSA-affiliate (e.g., Scout camp) hat. Scouts may be asked to remove hats for a uniform appearance during formal ceremonies, such as flag presentations.

Socks: The Troop does not have a sock policy

*Shoes*: Shoes should be appropriate to the occasion. For example, consider dress shoes for formal occasions such as Courts of Honor or Flag Presentations.

## Activity Uniform ("Class B")

*Shirt*: The Troop will issue a Scout a red Troop 1911 shirt. Generally this will be worn for summer Troop meetings and other less formal occasions, such as service projects. Other

Scout t-shirts may be worn as well, including Scout camp t-shirts and Troop issued shirts (such as for Philmont or Missouri River expedition). Occasionally, Scouts will be asked to wear the red Troop activity shirt specifically, such as for a public service project.

*Shorts*: Similar to the Pants policy. Scout shorts are preferred, green pants are an acceptable alternative. When the Scout does not have green shorts, wear the best available.

Hat, socks, and shoe guidance is the same as the Field Uniform

# When to wear which Uniform:

\* *Note:* Unless otherwise stated, the uniform direction is issued by the SPL for the occasion. When in doubt, these are the generally accepted practices.

### Field Uniform ("Class A")

- \* Regular non-summer Troop meetings
- \* Courts of Honor
- \* Flag Presentations
- \* Some Service occasions
- \* District, Council, National Camporees
- \* Scout Camp or High Adventure Base
- \* Regular Troop Campouts
- \* Other occasions as directed by the SPL

### Activity Uniform ("Class B")

- \* Summer Troop meetings
- \* Travel to- and from- Camping events
- \* Service Projects
- \* Other occasions as directed by the SPL