

Scouting Class "A" Uniform Patches and Insignias



Many people have noted that the new Scouting Handbook does not adequately show the placement of patches and insignias that are part of the Boy Scout Class "A" uniform. The display of these patches is necessary for a scout's Board of Review. More importantly, it contributes to bringing the troop together as a team, just like any other organization.

The basics...

At a minimum, every scout Class "A" uniforms requires the following patches:

- Theodore Roosevelt Council
- Troop Unit Numbers
- Rank patch
- Epaulets Loops

The Theodore Roosevelt Council and Troop Unit Numbers are placed on the left sleeve just below the shoulder line.

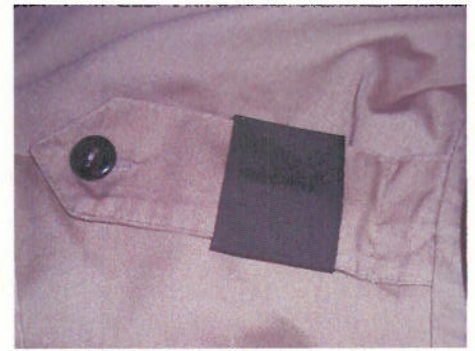
Note: Although the picture shows the numbers as red and white, the new numbers are green and khaki.



The Rank patch represents the current rank of the scout. This patch should be sewn on (as opposed to the use of Patch Magic) because it will be replaced as the scout advances in rank. It is important replace the patch as soon as possible so your scout can proudly display his achievement.

The Rank patch is placed on the left front pocket.

The most overlooked part of the Class "A" uniform is the epaulet ribbons on the top left and right shoulder of the shirt. These ribbons should be purchased at the same time as the Class "A" shirt.



Other Patches...

Not all patches earned by a scout are required to be on the Class "A" uniform. However, there is no reason not to display all your scout's achievements

There many other patches and insignias that represent a scouts achievements. Displaying these patches show that a scout takes pride in his accomplishments, provides a visual historical record and sets an example for new scouts. The following shows these patches and placement on the Class "A" uniform.

Arrow of Light



The Arrow of Light patch is the only Cub Scout patch that is allowed on the Boy Scout uniform. It is placed just under the left front pocket.



World Crest Emblem



The World Scout Emblem is the emblem of the World Organization of the Scout Movement and is worn by Scouts and Scouters around the world to indicate their membership. This patch can be purchase at any official scout shop. This patch is placed centered horizontally over the left pocket and vertically between the left shoulder seam and the top of the pocket.



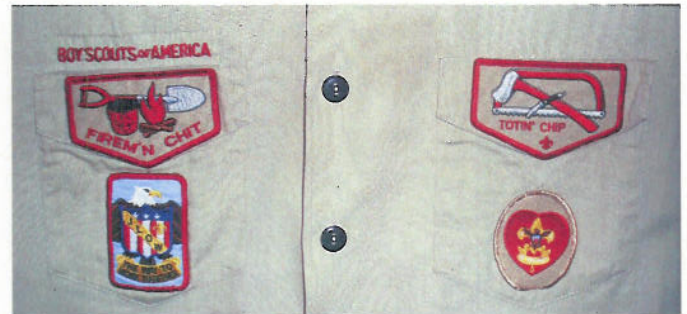
Totin' Chip and Firem'n Chit



The Firem'n Chit and Totin' Chip patches represent that the scout has been trained in the safe practices for the use of knives, saws and axes, camp stoves and the proper way to build a campfire.



These patches are in the shape of the flaps on the front pockets. The Totin' Chip should be placed on the left pocket and the Firem'n Chit on the right pocket.



Troop Position Patches



As a scout advances in rank he is required to take on leadership or other positions within the troop. These positions include Quartermaster, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader. The achievement of these positions is recognized by a patch that represents the position.

The patch is placed just under the troop numbers on the left sleeve. On the new scout shirt it is placed on the sleeve pocket.

Merit Badges

These are the small patches that are presented to a scout as they earn each merit badge. Once a scout earns between 9 and 12 badges, they should be sewn on to a Boy Scout sash. The sash can be purchased at any official Boy Scout shop. The patches are displayed 3 across and generally in the order in which they were earned. Eventually this sash becomes a source of pride not only for the scout, but for the parents as well.

