

Troop Uniform Guidelines

The Scout uniform is perhaps one of the most recognized features of the scout troop. It serves to unify the group, provides structure and organization and identifies where each scout is along his path to Eagle. It also represents many of the traditions and symbols important to scouting. Troop 218 has a strong emphasis on wearing the proper uniform and scouts and adult leaders required to wear the proper uniform for all meetings and events.



Class A and Class B Uniforms

Troop 218 uses two basic uniforms. The Class A uniform is the full scout uniform and will be worn for most meetings and all formal events. Class A uniform consists of the tan button up scout shirt (long or short sleeve), neckerchief, slider, olive pants/shorts, olive socks, olive scout belt. To be considered "in uniform" all of these items must be worn. Scouts missing any uniform items will not be given credit for attendance at the meeting or leadership credit for that meeting. Hoodies, long sleeve T-shirts under short sleeve uniform shirts and jackets covering Class A shirts should not be worn at meetings as they are not part of the Class A uniform. A Class B t-shirt should be worn under the Class A shirt in case the class A uniform shirt needs to be removed at the meeting for training or any other reason.

The Class B uniform consists of a maroon Troop 218 t-shirt and olive pants/shorts and olive socks. The maroon Troop 218 hoodie can also be worn as part of the Class B uniform. The Class B t-shirt and hoodie can be purchased directly from the Troop.

Neckerchiefs – The Troop's standard neckerchief is a custom design consisting of a maroon neckerchief with white piping and a full color embroidered Troop 218 logo on the back. All new scouts are given a Troop neckerchief when they join the troop. Replacement neckerchiefs can be purchased from the Troop for \$13 for standard size and \$14.50 for oversized. Adult leaders working on the Wood Badge or who have obtained the badge may wear Wood Badge neckerchiefs as there is no other way to denote the wood badge status.

Patches and Rank Insignia – Scouts should strive to keep their patches and rank insignia as current as possible. The Troop will provide scouts with the appropriate Troop number, Patrol patch, rank patches and leadership patches. The inside cover of the Scout Handbook shows where the patches are to be affixed to the uniform. The Boy Scout Uniform Inspection Sheet can be found at: <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34283.pdf> and is also included on the following pages that show where the patches are affixed. New patches should be affixed to the uniform within two weeks of issuance.

Merit Badges and Sash – Merit badges are attached to the merit badge sash in rows of three. Sashes are worn for Boards of Review, Courts of Honor and any function requiring a full dress uniform. Merit Badge Sashes will be issued to scouts by the Troop when they earn their first merit badge.

Name Badges – All scouts and adult leaders are required to wear name badges over their right pocket of their Class A uniform shirt. The Troop provides name tags for all scouts and adult leaders. Replacement name tags are \$5.

Hats – Troop 218 has adopted the olive colored “boonie” style hat as their official headgear. These can be worn in Class A, Class B or for outdoor activities. These are available from the Troop store.

What Uniform to Wear

Weekly Meetings (regular year) – Class A uniform

Weekly Uniforms (summer) - Class B uniform

Board of Review – Class A uniform and Merit Badge Sash

Court of Honor - Full Class A uniform with Merit Badge Sash

Hikes - Class B uniform

Overnight Trips - Class B uniform

Summer Camp - Class B uniform while traveling to and from camp and while in camp. Class A for meals and ceremonies at camp.

Service Projects - Class A or B as advised

Community Events - Class A

Flag Ceremonies - Class A