

Rewrite of the Uniform Section of the *Sea Scout Manual*, No. 33239 To Replace Pages 17-26

Uniforms

Sea Scout uniforms are worn in accordance with the official policy of the Boy Scouts of America: "...uniforms help create a sense of belonging. They symbolize character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. Wearing a uniform gives youth and adult members a sense of identification and commitment." Uniforms provide program recognition and acknowledge personal equality, identification, achievement, and personal commitment.

Sea Scouts, BSA has adapted traditional U.S. Navy uniforms for Sea Scout use. Out of respect for military regulations, it is imperative that Sea Scout uniforms be clearly distinguishable from military uniforms. When Sea Scout insignia are properly worn on the dress white and dress blue uniforms, Sea Scouts are clearly identified as such.

A point of interest: Some adapted Navy uniforms are called "navy blue" or "blues" even though the fabric is actually black in color; this is in keeping with long-standing Navy tradition; and this nomenclature has been adopted by the Sea Scouts.

Wearing a Sea Scout uniform is a privilege; with that privilege, comes responsibility. Always keep in mind that your actions while in uniform reflect upon the reputation of all Sea Scouts; always do the right thing. Keep your uniform in good condition, clean, pressed and creased; with badges and insignia properly placed.

Sea Scout dress uniforms are worn on special occasions such as Bridges of Honor, annual banquets, public appearances, and other formal occasions. All members of a Ship must wear the same dress uniform. In the interest of economy, each ship should pick only one dress uniform.

The work uniform is worn for day-to-day Sea Scout activities. Although it is called a work uniform, it isn't appropriate for painting or engine repairs; wear old clothes for dirty work. Different activities may require different clothing. The ship should designate appropriate attire for each activity, for example a ship T-shirt or polo shirt. The design for a ship T-shirt or polo shirt should include the words "Sea Scouts BSA" or the Sea Scout Anchor to identify the wearer as a member of the Seas Scouts.

The "New Century" Universal Sea Scout Uniform is authorized as an alternate uniform. It is intended to make it easy for the members of newly formed Sea Scout Ships to outfit themselves in a Sea Scout uniform. This universal uniform is worn by all Ship members, youth and adults, male and female; and may serve as both a dress uniform and a work uniform.

The uniforms described in this manual are required for participants in national Scouting events.

Traditional Sea Scout Uniform Components

Youth Dress White (Male and Female)

White Hat
White Jumper
White crew-neck T-shirt
Black Neckerchief
White Web Belt (Male)
Silver Buckle and Tab (Male)
White Trousers
Black Shoes and Black Socks

Youth Dress Blue (Male)

White Hat
Navy Blue Jumper
White crew-neck T-shirt
Neckerchief
Black Web Belt
Silver Buckle and Tab
Navy Blue Trousers
Black Shoes and Black Socks

Youth Dress Blue (Female)

Garrison Cap (no insignia)
White Short-Sleeve Blouse
Black Tab Tie
Navy Blue four-button Jacket
Sea Scout silver buttons
Navy Blue Slacks
Black Shoes and Black Socks
or substitute (unit option)
Navy Blue A-line Skirt
Black medium-heel Pumps
Flesh-colored seamless hosiery with no design

Youth Work Chambray (Male and Female)

Navy Blue Ball Cap
Chambray Shirt
White crew-neck T-shirt
Black Web Belt
Silver Buckle and Tab
Dark Navy Blue Trousers
Black Shoes and Black Socks

Adult Dress White (Male and Female)

White Combination Cover
White short-sleeve Shirt with Epaulets
White crew-neck T-shirt (Male)
White Web Belt
Silver Buckle and Tab
White Trousers
White Shoes and White Socks
or substitute (Female)
White A-line Skirt
White medium-heel Pumps
Flesh-colored seamless hosiery with no design

Adult Dress Blue (Male)

White Combination Cover
Navy Blue six-button Jacket
Sea Scout silver buttons
White long-sleeve dress shirt
Black four-in-hand Tie
Black Web Belt
Silver Buckle and Tab
Navy Blue Trousers
Black Shoes and Black Socks

Adult Dress Blue (Female)

White Combination Cover
White Blouse
Black Tab Tie
Navy Blue four-button Jacket
Sea Scout silver buttons
Navy Blue Slacks
Black Shoes and Black Socks
or substitute (unit option)
Navy Blue A-line Skirt
Black medium-heel Pumps
Flesh-colored seamless hosiery with no design

Adult Work Khaki (Male and Female)

Navy Blue Ball Cap
Khaki Short Sleeve Shirt
White crew-neck T-shirt
Khaki Web Belt
Silver Buckle and Tab
Khaki Trousers
Black Shoes and Black Socks

(Graphic – Youth Uniforms from current page 19)

(Graphic – Adult Male Uniforms from current page 21)

(Graphic – Adult Female Uniforms from current page 21)

Uniform Specifics and Tips

All dress uniforms are adapted for Sea Scout use from current U.S. Navy specifications. Youth uniforms are adapted from Navy enlisted uniforms; adult uniforms are adapted from Navy officer uniforms.

- Slang terms for uniforms: The youth dress white and dress blue uniforms are nicknamed “Cracker Jacks.” The youth white sailor hat is also called a “Dixie Cup.”
- “Unit option” means that all the members of a unit wear the optional item; based upon a unit decision.
- Custom dark navy blue ship ball caps may be worn (unit option). Custom dark navy blue event ball caps may be worn.
- The adult leader white combination cover (male or female) is worn with a silver chin strap; and Sea Scout cap buttons, hatband, and hat pin.
- Ball caps and adult leader combination covers are worn with plain bills; no oak leaf clusters or “scrambled eggs,” to help distinguish the Sea Scout Uniform from a military uniform.
- Ship numbers are white on black background or black on white background; the background corresponding to the color of the garment.
- The center piping stripes on the navy blue jumper (cuff and back flap) are removed from the standard Navy garment, leaving two stripes; to distinguish the Sea Scout uniform from a military uniform.
- Sea Scout Anchor cloth collar insignia (black) are worn in place of the Navy star on the corners of the navy blue jumper; with the anchor on the diagonal, anchor crown one inch from the corner. Sea Scout cloth collar insignia (white) are similarly placed on the white jumper.
- The black neckerchief, or tie, worn with the navy blue or white jumper, is rolled tightly and tied with a reef (square) knot.
- Wear white undergarments with white uniforms to avoid show-through.
- A silver buckle with Sea Scout Anchor may be worn in place of a plain silver buckle (unit option).
- A brass buckle and brass tab may be worn with the adult khaki work uniform (unit option).
- The color of the metal belt tab always matches the belt buckle.
- The metal belt tab abuts the buckle. Adjust the length of the belt from the “cut” end.
- Matching shorts, or cargo shorts, may be worn with work uniforms.
- Skirts are hemmed from the knee to one and a half inches below the knee, with a kick pleat in center back not to exceed six inches.
- Polished plain toe shoes are worn with all uniforms; except where pumps are noted for some female uniforms. Activity footwear--such as boat shoes, hiking boots, or athletic shoes--may be worn as appropriate.
- Youth leaders and adult leaders should always set the example regarding standardization of the uniform.

Badges, awards, and insignia are generally worn similarly to other BSA uniforms; but here are a few specifics for Sea Scout uniforms:

- A custom Ship patch may be worn in place of the Universal Sea Scout Emblem on the right sleeve. The custom Ship patch must be less than 3” in any dimension, must be in keeping with BSA values, and must not contain U.S. military, federal, or local government seals or insignia. If

the custom Ship patch contains the Ship number, the Ship number may be omitted from the left sleeve (unit option); except, the Ship number is always worn on the left sleeve of the “New Century” Universal Uniform.

- As an alternative to the Sea Scouts BSA strip, the words SEA SCOUTS BSA, in block style letters 5/16” high, may be embroidered directly on the garment in contrasting white or black thread. The bottom of the lettering is positioned 3/8” above the right pocket seam.
- A nameplate (nametag) may worn immediately above the Sea Scouts BSA strip (individual option). The nameplate must be black with white lettering.
- Up to six knot badges, in two rows of three, may be worn on dress uniforms.
- Wood Badge beads may be worn with Sea Scout uniforms.
- The Order of the Arrow sash may be worn only at Order of the Arrow events.
- The Order of the Arrow pocket device and pocket flap patch are not worn on Sea Scout uniforms.
- Sea Scout uniforms are worn without temporary patches to help retain a sharp appearance. The Commemorative Centennial Patch is the only exception.
- Adult khaki and youth chambray work uniforms are normally worn with limited badges and insignia. **Required:** American flag, Sea Scout strip; World Crest (and, if earned, the “Messengers of Peace” ring); with collar insignia for adults and badge of office for youth. **Optional:** Ship emblem, badge of rank (unit option).

Obsolete uniform items may be worn until they are no longer serviceable. However, all members are encouraged to promptly adopt the uniform standards in this manual.

Quartermaster Uniforms

Quartermasters may wear an adult leader’s uniform (personal option); with the following modifications:

- Combination Cover: Black chin strap.
- Dress White short-sleeved Shirt: Quartermaster knot (white) above left pocket; no rank badge on left pocket. No epaulets.
- Dress Blue Jacket: Embroidered Sea Scout Anchor Emblem (black) (No. 4121) on each sleeve cuff.
- Khaki Shirt: Wear Quartermaster lapel pins, or Sea Scout Anchor lapel pins (No. 4135), as collar devices.
- May wear youth badges of office (Boatswain, Boatswain’s Mate) on Dress Uniforms.

Quartermasters who wear the youth uniform place the Quartermaster Emblem on the left pocket; the Quartermaster knot is not worn on youth uniforms.

“New Century” Universal Sea Scout Uniform

The “New Century” Universal Sea Scout Uniform is intended to make it easy for the members of newly formed Sea Scout Ships (units) to obtain and properly wear a uniform that identifies them as Sea Scouts. This uniform is worn by all Ship members, youth and adults, male and female; and serves as both a dress uniform and a work uniform. Any unit may adopt this uniform.

“New Century” Universal Sea Scout Uniform Components

- Navy Blue Ball Cap; with SEA SCOUTS and the Sea Scout Anchor embroidered in white
 - or Youth may wear the White Sailor Hat (unit option)
 - or Adults may wear the White Combination Cover (unit option)
- Dark Navy Blue Shirt [similar to Dickies No. 1574 (male) No. FS574 (female); (DN)]
- Dark Navy Blue Crew-Neck T-shirt
- Neckerchief for youth wear (unit option):

- “New Century” Youth Neckerchief; Black; “tar flap” design
- or Youth Neckerchief; Black; triangular; with white embroidered Sea Scout Anchor and edging
- or none
- Black Web Belt
- Silver Buckle and Tab
- Dark Navy Blue Trousers [similar to Dickies No. 874 (male) or No. 774 (female); (DN)]
- Black Shoes and Black Socks

“New Century” Universal Sea Scout Uniform Specifics and Tips (In addition to the “Specifics and Tips” above.)

- The optional neckerchief is worn under the shirt collar. The neckerchief may be tied with a reef (square) knot or an inverted wall knot that drapes better (unit option).
- Placement of awards and insignia (black) is similar to the Sea Scout Dress Uniforms.
- Unit numbers are required.
- Matching shorts, or cargo shorts, may be worn.
- Shirts and trousers can be purchased at stores or websites that carry work clothing; for example: dickies.com, Sears, or Wal-Mart.

“New Century” Universal Sea Scout Uniform Insignia (Required insignia are marked with an asterisk. *)

Right Side

Sleeve

American Flag *
 Universal SS Emblem *
or Custom Ship Emblem *
 Journey to Excellence
or National Flagship Award
or National Flagship Fleet Award

Over Pocket

Sea Badge Pin
 Nameplate; black with white lettering (optional)
 Sea Scouts BSA Strip *

Pocket Flap

None

Pocket

None

Left Side

Sleeve

Council Strip *
 Unit Number *
 Badge of Office *
 Long Cruise Badge

Over Pocket

World Crest *
 Messengers of Peace
 Seal Pin
 Knots (up to six)
 Suspended Medals (for formal events)

Pocket Flap

None

Pocket

Youth Rank Badge *

[New photos/graphics - “New Century” Universal Sea Scout Uniform]

Insignia Placement Details

Wear awards and insignia in accordance with the information and diagrams in the “Official Sea Scout Uniform Insignia” illustrated table; see Appendix, page 232. Wear only nationally authorized

awards and insignia. Always refer to the current edition of the Sea Scout Manual, No. 33239 (available through Supply's Scout Shops, www.scoutstuff.org, or on the Website: www.seascout.org); and the Guide to Awards and Insignia, No. 33066.

General

The order in which medals and knots are worn is at the discretion of the wearer. It is suggested that the medal or knot deemed most important by the wearer be worn on his or her own right.

Military ribbons or other awards not awarded by the BSA are not worn on any Sea Scout uniforms; except the Finley Award and its associated Community Organization Award knot which are awarded by the U.S. Power Squadrons.

Youth Dress Uniforms

Right sleeve—The U.S. flag is centered at the seam. The Universal Sea Scout Emblem or Custom Ship Emblem is centered one inch below the U.S. flag. The Journey to Excellence Patch is centered one inch below the emblem.

Left sleeve—The council emblem is centered touching the seam. Ship numbers are positioned immediately below the council emblem. The badge of office (boatswain, etc.) is centered four inches below the seam. The Long Cruise badge is centered one inch below the badge of office.

Right pocket—The Sea Scouts BSA strip, No. 4125 (black), or No. 4126 (white), is placed immediately above the pocket. (There is no right pocket on some dress uniforms; so select the position using the left pocket as a guide.) The optional nameplate is worn immediately above the Sea Scouts BSA strip.

Left pocket—The badge of rank is centered on the left pocket. Up to six knots may be worn immediately over the pocket in two rows of three. The SEAL (Sea Scout Experience Advanced Leadership) insignia is worn $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch above the left pocket. If suspended medals or knots are worn, the SEAL insignia is worn $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch above the suspended medals or knots. Suspended medals are worn no more than five at a time, pinned in a single row immediately above the seam. Medals are worn for bridges of honor and formal occasions. Bar awards (Small Boat Handler and Qualified Seaman) are worn centered $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch below the pocket.

Adult Dress Uniforms

On the adult Dress Blue uniform jacket, the badges of office are placed with the lowest part of the embroidered insignia two inches from the hem of each sleeve.

On the adult Dress White uniform shirt, a silver metal badge of office may be worn centered on a black soft epaulet cover on each shoulder, or the black epaulet cover may have the badge of office embroidered directly on it in white thread. The crown of the anchor points toward the shoulder.

Otherwise:

Right sleeve—Same as youth.

Left sleeve—Same as youth; except the Long Cruise Badge is centered four inches below the shoulder seam.

Right pocket—Same as youth.

Left pocket—Same as youth; except no badge of rank or bar awards.

Adult Khaki Work Uniform

Collar—A silver metal badge-of-office collar device is worn on each collar. The insignia is centered one inch from the tip of the collar to the lowest portion of the insignia. The shank of the anchor bisects the angle of the tip of the collar. (Note: The metal collar device is worn on the collars of adult khaki work uniforms only.)

Uniform Sources

Badges and insignia are generally available from ScoutStuff.org, by special order at your local Scout Shop, or from The Ship's Stores.

The adult dress white short-sleeve shirt with epaulets can be obtained from a variety of commercial sources including: LighthouseUniform.com, local uniform stores, The Ship's Stores , and the U.S. Power Squadrons.

The "New Century" Universal Uniform, khaki, and work uniforms can be purchased at stores or websites specializing in work clothing; for example: dickies.com, Sears, or Wal-Mart.

A familiar source of uniforms, insignia, and information is The Ship's Stores. The Ship's Stores is a non-profit organization operated by Sea Scout volunteers. The catalog and current price list are on the website; or Skippers and council officers may request a free catalog and current price list by writing to:

The Ship's Stores
2100 W. Highway 12
Lodi, CA 95242
Phone: 209-406-7434
E-mail: merlotjw@clearwire.net
Web site: www.ships-store.org

Navy uniforms have customarily been obtained from Navy Exchanges, thrift shops, or surplus stores. In the aftermath of 9/11, the Navy has tightened up on uniform sales for security reasons. Access to uniform purchases at a Navy Exchange usually requires a military identification card. Navy uniforms are also available from:

Uniform Support Center
Government Accounts Team
Bldg. 3126, 2nd Floor
1240 Gator Blvd., Suite #200
Virginia Beach, VA 23459
usc_govt@nexweb.org
Phone: 1-800-368-4088; option 4
Fax: 1-757-502-7533

Follow this process to set up an account at the Uniform Support Center:

- Obtain the assistance of a Scouter or friend of the Ship (unit) who is affiliated with the U.S. military: active duty, retired, or honorably discharged. This person will serve as the point-of-contact with the Uniform Support Center.
- Send a request to set up an account to the Uniform Support Center as follows:
 - A statement that the purpose of the uniform purchase is "Sea Scouts."
 - Sea Scout Ship number.
 - The name, address, phone number, and email address of the point-of-contact.
 - Shipping address.
 - A copy of the unit charter.
 - A copy of the point-of-contact's military identification card or Form DD-214.
 - Email the request to usc_govt@nexweb.org; with attachments in ".pdf" format.
 - Or, Fax the request to 1-757-502-7533.
- Once notification is received from the Uniform Support Center that an account has been established, orders may be placed by fax or email. Include the following information in the order:
 - Sea Scout Ship number.
 - Point of contact.
 - Shipping Address.
 - Account number (provided by the Uniform Support Center).
 - Phone number, fax number, and email address.
 - List of items with sizes and quantities.
 - Credit Card information.

Printed versions of the Navy Uniform Catalog and Price List are no longer available. If needed to assist in ordering, item nomenclature can be obtained from Section 5 of Chapter 3 of the U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations at this website:

<http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/support/uniforms/uniformregulations/Pages/default.aspx>.

Active and retired military personnel (only) can access the uniform catalog through the Navy Exchange website: https://www.mynavyexchange.com/uniform/wg_shop_online.html.

Uniform Care

Uniforms are always pressed with a military press. To press the jumper, turn it inside out. Press the front, back, collar, and sleeves. Place one sleeve directly over the other in front of the jumper. Fold the collar lengthwise so the side edges are together. Crease the folded edge of the collar and the center fold on the jumper. When turned right-side out, an inverted sleeve crease will extend down the arm at the inside and outside edges. The body of the jumper will have an outward crease in the front, an inverted crease in the back, and the collar will have three, evenly spaced outward vertical creases.

If space is limited, the youth dress whites can be rolled and stowed. Here's how:

Trousers: Brush clean and turn inside out. Fold one leg over the other so the seams on the inside of the legs come together. Fold the crotch over and then roll the trousers from the top toward the bottom of the legs. Secure the roll with ties.

(Graphic – trouser rolling from page 17 in current manual)

Jumper: Brush clean and turn inside out. Place one sleeve directly over the other in front of the jumper. Fold the collar lengthwise so the side edges are together and then fold down. Fold the arms back over the collar twice. Roll the jumper tightly toward the lower edge. Secure with ties.

(Graphic – jumper rolling)

Hat: To prepare a new White Hat or “dixie cup,” you first wash the hat. While the hat is wet, put it on the owner's head, then take it off and roll the upper half-inch portion of the lip of the cover down tightly. The roll will dry at a 45-degree angle to the side of the hat. The cover is worn with the bottom band of the cover one inch above the eyebrow. The cover is never worn cocked back on the head or to one side.