



## Uniform Requirements

# The 1-2-3's of the Cub Scout Uniform

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### Why Uniforms?

Wearing uniforms has been a method of the Scouting movement from the beginning. Decades of experience show uniforming to have many benefits, including:

- **Equality.** The uniform represents a democratic ideal of equality. Scouts from various cultures and economic levels wear the same uniform and cooperate as equals.
- **Identification.** The uniform identifies a boy or girl as a member of the Cub Scouts. Badges on the uniform tell other members that he belongs to their Den, Pack, and Council. The uniform itself identifies a good citizen to the entire community.
- **Achievement.** The uniform displays badges and other awards so the accomplishments of each Cub Scout can be immediately recognized.
- **Commitment.** Wearing a uniform is a constant reminder to each Cub Scout of their commitment to the ideals and purposes of Cub Scouting: duty to God, loyalty to country, and helpfulness to others.

For these reasons, among others, all parents should emphasize to their Scouts the importance of wearing the correct and complete uniform on all suitable occasions.

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### Badges, Patches & Placement

#### Badges On The Uniform

Aside from the awards listed below, only a small number of patches can be placed on the uniform shirt itself. They are:



#### Council Shoulder Patch

The Heart of America Council patch on the left shoulder identifies the area of the country your Scout resides.



### Unit Numerals

This patch identifies that your Scout is in Pack 440.



### World Crest

This round purple patch is worn about the left pocket and is the symbol of Scouting across the world.

The following are also worn on the uniform when earned by your Scout: badge of rank, arrow points, service star pin, religious emblem knot, recruiter strip, interpreter strip, outdoor activity award, and summertime award pin.

### Adventure Loops

Wolves, Tigers, and Bears earn adventure loops for the achievements and electives they complete in their Den or on their own. These are worn on the Scout Belt. Older loops can be removed in order to make room for newly-earned loops when necessary.

### Adventure Pins

Webelos earn adventure pins for the achievements toward their Webelos and Arrow of Light badges. These are affixed to the Webelos color ribbons on their right shoulder.

### Other Patches

There are dozens of other patches that can be earned or awarded for participation. These are not to be permanently sewn to the uniform. They are more appropriately displayed on the optional red vest. One temporary emblem can be hung from the right pocket button. Examples include event patches, CyberChip, the NOVA award, and the fitness awards.

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### Uniform Inspections



At least once each year, Pack 440 leadership will hold uniform inspections during our monthly Pack Nights. Den Leaders may conduct sporadic uniform inspections, as well. The goal of these inspections is not to enforce standards, but rather to encourage pride, responsibility, and self-confidence in our Scouts. Being recognized for wearing a full uniform and wearing it properly is an easy way for a Cub Scout to build success. We encourage families to have their Scout be entirely responsible for the upkeep of their uniform at home.

We understand that, often, families new to Scouting may have not yet purchased a full uniform prior to the first inspection. In these cases, we still encourage boys to participate in the inspection process - points for cleanliness and attitude can still be earned, and it's a great experience to build on.

**Tips for passing an inspection:**

- Ensure your uniform is clean and neat
- Ensure YOU and clean and neat
- Wear clean, appropriate pants
- Wear clean, appropriate shoes
- Be attentive to and respectful of your inspector(s)
- Have fun!

## Awards worn on the Cub Scout Uniform



**Badges of Rank**

The Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, and Bear badges are all worn on the left pocket of the uniform. Webelos only wear the oval Webelos rank badge on this pocket.



**Service Stars**

Awarded for each full year as a registered Scout. Only the most current star is worn, centered over the left pocket (above the religious knot, if present).



**Religious Emblem**

A variety of faith-specific religious awards are available for Scouts to earn. Once completed, this square knot emblem can be worn centered over the left pocket.



**Recruiter Strip**

This patch is awarded to Scouts who bring another boy to join Scouting. Once the new Scout has been officially registered, this patch is worn under the right pocket.

### **Interpreter Strip**



Scouts proficient in a language other than English (including American Sign Language and even Morse code) can wear the corresponding strip above the right pocket.



### **Outdoor Activity Award**

This badge is placed directly on the flap over the right shirt pocket.



### **Summertime Award**

This pin is placed directly on the outdoor activity award patch.