

Our Troop's Clothing Policy

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We understand uniforms are an important part of Scouting. We also understand that uniforms are not mandatory, and a Scout cannot be prevented from participation or advancement due to lack of uniform. When we choose clothes for any Scouting activity, we follow these rules:

Safety First: We choose clothing and footwear that's safe for the activity. We wear clothes that will protect us from the weather, won't get in the way of any equipment, and we follow all Scouting America safety guidelines

Respectful Choices: We avoid clothing with words, images, or symbols that could be seen as offensive, including anything political, violent, sexual, or promoting disrespect toward any group.

Religious, Cultural, and Medical Needs: We may wear alternative headgear or clothing for religious, cultural, or medical reasons if it's safe for the activity and doesn't block our vision.

Aquatics Activities: Our swimwear must be designed for swimming, not pose a risk of suffocation or drowning, and be secure enough to not fall off or shift during activity. For extra sun protection, we may wear a rash guard or T-shirt.

We understand every troop sets their own policy. We also understand some camps or events may have extra safety clothing guidelines. They'll make sure to communicate these extra safety guidelines ahead of time and we will follow them.

If there's ever a question about a member of our troop's clothing, we understand we should ask our own Scoutmaster for help interpreting our troop's policy. Only if there's a serious safety concern (like a risk of injury) should an adult from outside of our troop question a Scout from our troop about their clothing.

Finally, we will recognize that every troop is different and we will remember to be friendly, courteous, and kind with others at all times.