

Troop 465 Uniform Guide

Welcome to Troop 465. The Boy Scouts of America identifies the “Uniform” as one of the eight methods that scouting uses to develop youth in our program. As such - Troop 465 requires our scouts and adult volunteers to have, and wear correctly, the Boy Scout uniform. We believe that wearing the uniform develops team spirit, levels the playing field, and builds pride by providing a way scouts can display their many accomplishments.

The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America designates the official **“Field Uniform”** as: a Khaki Scout Uniform shirt, Scout trousers or shorts, Scout socks and Scout belt. Headgear and neckerchiefs are the option of the individual troop. Troop 465 requires both, and makes them available for purchase, at our scout hut.

For many troop meetings and campouts, Scouts will be allowed to wear an **“Activity Uniform”**. This uniform simply swaps the official Khaki BSA uniform shirt, for a BSA uniform T-shirt. The T-shirt must be a troop T-shirt, a camp T-shirt, a Philmont or other High Adventure T-shirt or any other T-shirt dealing with the BSA. All other uniform parts remain the same in the Activity Uniform.

It is encouraged that you allow your scout an opportunity to earn the money used for purchasing a uniform. While new uniform parts can be purchased from the Atlanta Scout Shop, Troop 465 also maintains a uniform bank of used uniforms. Shirts, pants, & shorts in this bank can be purchased for \$5.00 per item. If your scout is unable to afford a complete uniform, please speak with the Scoutmaster, or Troop Committee Chair for assistance.

NEVER wear part of the BSA uniform mixed with “civilian” clothing. A uniform should be worn in full, or not at all. Just remember that members of a sports team are required to wear a full uniform when they play a game. Scouting in our Troop is no different.

Wearing the scout uniform correctly, means not only wearing the proper attire pieces but also correctly placed insignia. On the inside front and rear covers of the Boy Scout Handbook are full size templates of where to place insignia on the pockets and sleeves of the Boy Scout shirt. If you still have a question about anything, ask the Scoutmaster or one of his Assistants.

Now you may ask yourself, when should a scout wear his uniform? This is easy; a scout wears either a “Field Uniform” or “Activity Uniform” to all meetings, events and activities the troop participates in. If an event is conducted out of uniform, we will tell you beforehand.

Uniforms for campouts will be announced beforehand depending on what type of camp it is. Even if work clothes or an “Activity Uniform” is authorized for a campout - the Scout should bring his “Field Uniform” to wear for campfires, ceremonies and chapel on Sunday morning. Whatever the activity, unless otherwise instructed, wear the uniform.

The first troop meeting of each month is inspection night. On this night, your Scout should wear his “Field Uniform” with a neckerchief and troop hat. He may, of course, wear a neckerchief any time he wants as well. Don’t forget socks, belt, and cap - and he should always have his handbook with him.

I hope this explanation of our troop uniform policy answers any question you may have. If not, please ask the Scoutmaster or any of Assistant Scoutmasters. Welcome to Troop 465.

For your convenience I have included a few sketches of the uniforms I have described; I hope they help:

FIELD UNIFORM



ACTIVITY UNIFORM

