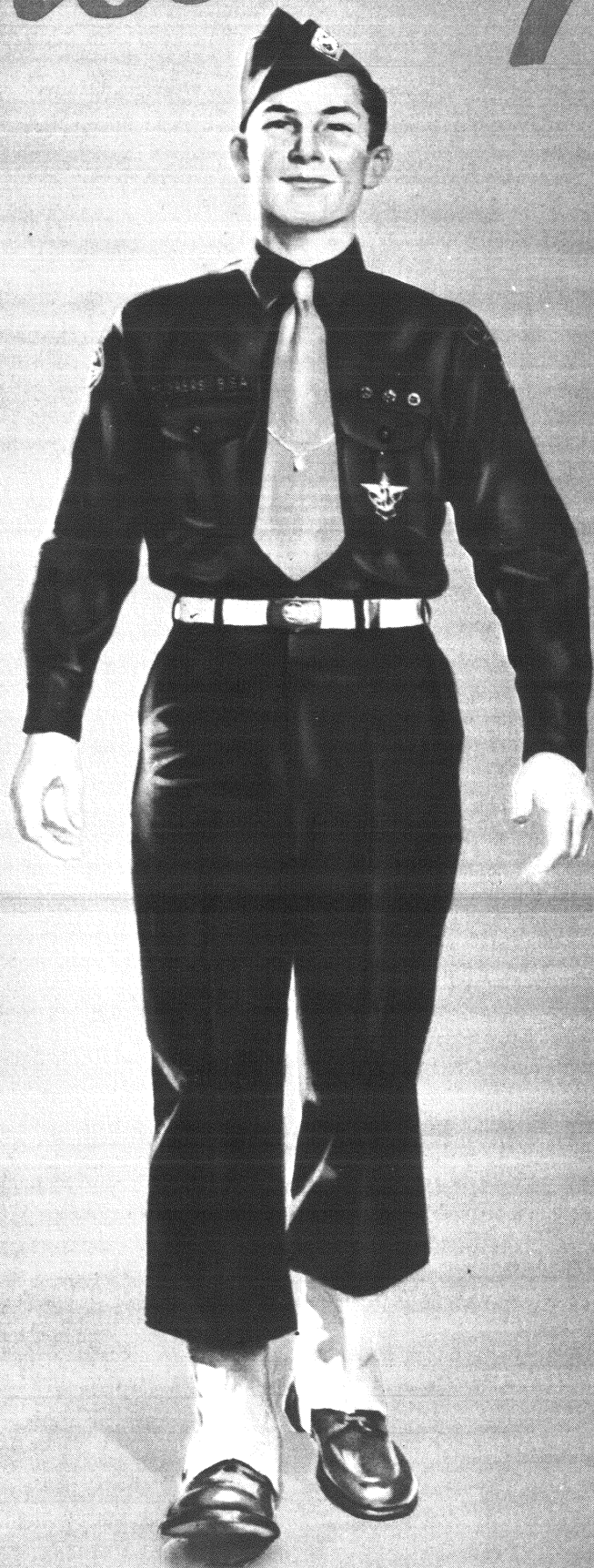


# Exploring



## OFFICIAL UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1955



**EXPLORING**

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# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

## THE OFFICIAL SEAL

After Congress authorized the Boy Scouts of America to adopt a seal, this description was incorporated in the By-Laws, Article XIX: "The Seal of the corporation shall be in the form of a circle enclosing a First Class Badge with the Motto, 'Be Prepared' underneath this badge, and the words 'Boy Scouts of America, National Council', around the circle."

This seal appears on the official registration cards and is used in many other ways.



# O F F I C I A L

The federal charter granted by Congress gives to the Boy Scouts of America the sole right to have and to use the emblems, badges, and uniforms of Scouting. This booklet defines the official uniforms and insignia in Boy Scouting, together with the official regulations for wearing them.

Of course, no member of the Boy Scouts of America is required to wear a uniform or insignia. The value of the uniform has, however, been proved repeatedly. Not only does a uniform create a sense of belonging, but it effectively relates the individual to the purposes of the organization. The uniform of the Boy Scouts of America has become a national symbol of trained youth prepared by Scouting to meet the responsibilities of junior citizenship. The official uniform is a symbol of a democratic movement training youth in good citizenship and in the democratic way of life.

The Boy Scouts of America is the largest uniformed body in the United States outside of the armed forces. Scouts are universally accepted because of their uniform. They are readily identified by it. Everyone in Scouting today has inherited the tradition of a uniform that stands for character and service, and it is his duty to safeguard this tradition and hand it on stronger than ever to the next generation of Scouts.

Better appearance is a specific objective under the unit rechartering procedure. The unit that is well equipped with every member in full official uniform is a credit to Scouting, and because of its pride in appearance, is better disposed to meet all its goals.

## WHEN TO WEAR THE UNIFORM

### Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers

1. At all formal Scouting activities, such as unit meetings, hikes, camps, rallies, demonstrations, special church services, or other occasions requested by institutions sponsoring the unit.

2. When appearing for advancement in rank before courts of honor, or in the presentation of awards.

Boys and leaders should wear all the insignia to which they are entitled, in the position indicated on the uniform. Scouting badges give satisfaction to the wearer, and identify his rank, office, unit, community, and the special distinctions which he has received.

Only members of the Boy Scouts of America who are registered and in good standing may purchase and wear the uniforms and insignia of Scouting. All members are required to present an unexpired registration card when purchasing or receiving these items.

The uniforms and insignia of the Boy Scouts of America are described in three sections as follows: Section 1, Cub Scouting; Section 2, Boy Scouting; Section 3, Exploring.

In each section, miscellaneous badges and badges of honor and distinction to which members of every branch are eligible are reproduced. Insignia of local council and National Council Scouters, volunteer and professional, are also included for reference.

As leaders, we must be conscious of the significance of the official uniform and the value of its effect upon the individual boy and young man. The uniform will inspire him to live according to the principles of the Cub Promise, the Scout Oath and Law, and the Explorer Citizenship Pledge.

This booklet has been developed in the hope that it will help leaders meet this obligation. May all unit leaders, as real leaders, meet their responsibilities by setting the pattern for their boys for neatness and correctness of attire through the exclusive use of the official Scout uniform for all Scouting wear.

3. During Boy Scout Week in February.

4. When prescribed for special Scouting or civic service activities.

5. On such other occasions as may be specifically recommended or prescribed by either the local council or National Council.

# REGULATIONS

## Cubbers, Scouters, Explorer Leaders

1. At all unit meetings.
2. At hikes, camps, educational trips, cruises, with unit, district, or council.
3. At formal council affairs such as demonstrations and ceremonies, and similar public events.

4. At special church services for members of the Boy Scouts of America, or other formal occasions requested by the institution sponsoring the unit.

5. Whenever appearing before the public with uniformed Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, or Explorers.

## **WEAR THE CORRECT UNIFORM CORRECTLY!**

## WHEN NOT TO WEAR THE UNIFORM

1. When soliciting funds or when engaged in any selling campaign or commercial operation.
2. When engaged in any distinctively political endeavor.
3. When appearing upon the stage, in motion pictures, or television professionally, without special authority from the Executive Board of the National Council.
4. When taking part in parades of other organizations, except for the purpose of rendering service as a member of the Boy Scouts of America or when officially representing the Boy Scouts of America.
5. When one has ceased to be a member.

### Temporary Insignia

All insignia, such as patches earned or won at camporees, canoe trips, camps, etc., shall be considered as temporary insignia and shall be worn centered on the right pocket of the uniform, and only one such patch may be worn, except for national and international jamboree insignia, prescribed for wearing on the right pocket during the jamboree, which may be transferred to the space above the right breast pocket after the jamboree. In this location only one jamboree patch may be worn.

### Excess Insignia

Scouts, Explorers, and leaders who have used up all available space on their uniforms as prescribed for insignia in these regulations are urged to display all excess insignia, patches, badges, and ribbons on a trophy hide or blanket. Remember, please, that the merit badge sash is only for merit badges.

### Hoe-Down Vests

The hoe-down vest or buckskin jacket is not part of the official uniform and should only be worn on informal occasions such as around a campfire. Scouts, Explorers, and leaders participating in formal assemblies, flag ceremonies, or religious services or serving as ushers, orderlies, or aides at large gatherings should appear only in the officially prescribed uniform with insignia correctly placed.

### Badge Swapping

While Scouts and Explorers attending jamborees are encouraged to swap among themselves articles and novelties of a local or regional nature, the swapping of badges of rank, office, distinguished service awards, etc., is a violation of the By-Laws of the Boy Scouts of America. The National Committee on Insignia and Uniform has recorded its disapproval of the swapping of badges and insignia which require the owner to meet specific standards or degrees of service, such as badges of rank, office or achievement, regional patches, or other restricted insignia.

### Scouters and Boy Badges

The committee on insignia or uniform recommends that Scouters over twenty-one years of age refrain from wearing boy insignia such as den chief cords, merit badge sashes, religious awards, attendance pins, and contest medals. This shall not be construed as prohibiting a Scouter from wearing his Eagle, Quartermaster, Ace, or Explorer Silver awards and related embroidered insignia on appropriate occasions.

# U N I F O R M S

## EXPLORING

ALL EXPLORERS AND LEADERS

### GENERAL REGULATIONS COVERING ALL EXPLORER PROGRAMS

#### UNIFORMITY WITHIN UNITS

All Explorers and leaders will wear the uniform as herein prescribed for the unit in which they are registered, except that at dinner meetings or other formal occasions Explorer leaders may choose to wear the Scouters' khaki coat, trousers or shorts, white shirt, and maroon tie.

#### LANYARDS

Colored silk cord or self-made, as voted by the unit, excepting that Sea Explorers will wear a white lanyard with the blue uniform and a dark blue lanyard with the white uniform.

#### NECKERCHIEF SLIDE

Turk's head in rayon of various colors, or in metal or plastic with universal badge. Personally made handicraft slides may be worn, subject to the approval of the local council.

#### DEN CHIEF'S CORD

The den chief's cord and shoulder tab may be worn on any Explorer uniform excepting that of Sea Explorer.

#### BELT HOOKS

Belt hooks will only be worn when necessary for carrying equipment.

#### MERIT BADGE SASH

The merit badge sash may be worn on ceremonial occasions by Explorers in troops, posts, and squadrons. It may not be worn by Sea Explorers except with the camp or jamboree uniform. Only merit badges may be worn on the merit badge sash, see page 25.

#### LEGGINGS

Khaki canvas with khaki trousers, white canvas with all other Explorer uniforms excepting the camp or jamboree uniform. Worn only if voted by unit.

#### SWEAT SHIRT

Lightweight green, crew neck, long sleeves. Universal Explorers insignia centered on front.

#### T-SHIRT

White, with emblem of specific program on breast.



# EXPLORERS IN A POST OR TROOP

## Green Uniform

### CAP

Green with brown piping. Universal Explorer emblem on a red background embroidered on left side in front. Worn tilted to the right, two-fingers width above right eyebrow.

### SHIRT

Green, with "Explorers BSA" strip over right pocket. Long sleeves.

### TROUSERS

Green, no cuffs.

### BELT

White web, with Explorer emblem on buckle.

### NECKTIE

Plain brown. Official Explorer tie chain may be worn.

### SOCKS

Brown, without stripe or figure.

### SHOES

Plain brown, low cut or hiking type with ankle straps. Official recommended.

### LEGGINGS\*

White canvas.

### WINTER CAP

Piping; universal badge embroidered on front; stiff, duck-billed visor and ear flaps; not for ceremonial occasions.

## Khaki Uniform

This uniform may be worn by all Explorers or leaders.

### CAP

Universal Boy Scout badge embroidered on left side in front. Worn tilted to the right, two-fingers width above right eyebrow.

### SHIRT

Khaki, with "Explorers BSA" strip over right pocket. Long sleeves.

### TROUSERS

Khaki, no cuffs.

### BELT

Khaki web, with Scout badge on buckle.

### NECKTIE

Plain maroon. Official Explorer tie chain may be worn.

### SOCKS

Khaki, without stripe or figure.

### SHOES

Plain brown, low cut or hiking type with ankle straps. Official recommended.

### LEGGINGS\*

Khaki canvas.

### WINTER CAP

Piping; universal badge embroidered on front; stiff, duck-billed visor and ear flaps; not for ceremonial occasions.



## NECKERCHIEFS FOR EXPLORERS IN POSTS AND TROOPS (OPTIONAL)

Official neckerchiefs are triangular in shape and are made available either in a variety of plain colors or with contrasting colored borders. All official neckerchiefs include the universal Scout insignia. Local councils may prescribe the specific official neckerchief to be worn by Explorers and leaders on a council or district basis, or may permit each unit to choose its own official neckerchief.

### Special Neckerchiefs

Special neckerchiefs, triangular in shape and the same size as official neckerchiefs, may be authorized by local councils with the approval of the National Council for wearing by Explorers and leaders in place of the official neckerchief, provided that such emblems or patches as may be worn on these especially designed neckerchiefs do not include distinctly institutional insignia or any part of the official Scout badge.

Such authorized special neckerchiefs may also be worn by Explorers and leaders when participating in training courses, camporees, the Order of the Arrow, or any other officially recognized council activity. However, such special neckerchiefs may not be worn at unit assemblies without the approval of the Explorer advisor.

### How to Wear the Neckerchief

- Roll long edge over upon itself in several flat folds to about 6 inches from tip of neckerchief.
- Place around neck of V-neck shirt or over collar of official long-sleeved shirt. (The collar of a long-sleeved shirt may be turned under when wearing the neckerchief.)
- Draw neckerchief slide over ends and adjust to fit snugly.
- Tie ends in a slipknot for final smart appearance.

\*LEGGINGS—Worn only when voted by Post or Crew in Troop

# EXPLORERS AT CAMP OR JAMBOREE

## CAP

Green with brown piping. Universal Explorer emblem on a red background embroidered on left side in front. Worn tilted to the right, two-fingers width above right eyebrow.

## SHIRT

Green, with "EXPLORERS BSA" strip over right pocket. V-neck, short sleeves.

## SHORTS

Khaki. To reach just above the knees. On ceremonial or formal occasions shorts should not be rolled up.

## BELT

Khaki web. Scout badge on buckle.

## STOCKINGS

Khaki. Turned down just below the knee.

## GARTER TABS

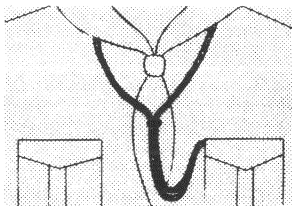
Red.

## SHOES

Plain brown, low cut or hiking type with ankle straps. Official recommended.

## NECKERCHIEF

Colors of unit, camp, or as prescribed for jamboree. See "How to Wear the Neckerchief" on page 5.



## LANYARD

Plain or combined color according to council or troop regulations; rayon or handmade; worn around the neck under the neckerchief, but over neckerchief ends in front, with end attached to compass or other article, carried in left breast pocket.

## Neckerchief Slide

Turk's-head in rayon of various colors or in metal or plastic with universal badge. Scout-made handicraft slides may be worn, subject to the approval of local Scout authorities.



## RED JACKET

For all Explorers and leaders. Poplin material with zipper front. Explorer badge worn on left side approximately in the same location as for the jacket (optional).



### RED JAC-SHIRT

For all Explorers and leaders. All wool with button front and pocket flaps. Explorer badge worn centered on left pocket (optional).



# AIR EXPLORERS

### CAP

Light blue with royal blue piping—universal Air Explorer badge embroidered on left side in front. Worn tilted to right, two-fingers width above right eyebrow.

### SHIRT

Light blue, with "AIR EXPLORERS BSA" strip over right pocket. Long sleeves.

### TROUSERS

Light blue, no cuffs.

### BELT

White web with Explorer emblem on buckle.

### NECKTIE

Plain royal blue. Official Explorer tie chain may be worn.

### SOCKS

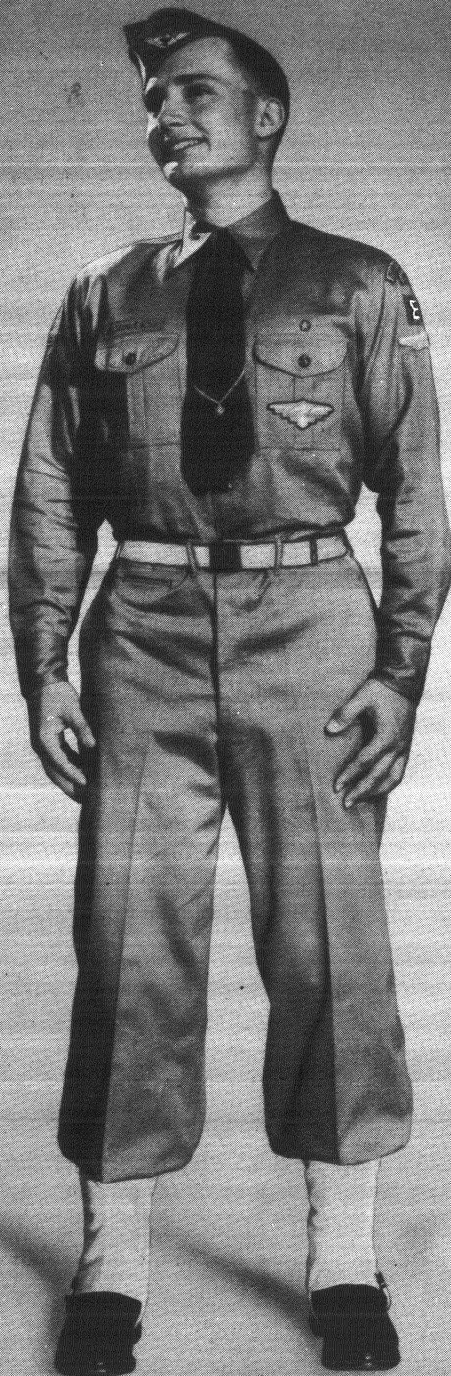
Royal blue without stripe or figure.

### SHOES

Plain black.

### LEGGINGS

White canvas. Worn only when voted by squadron.



# SEA EXPLORERS

## HAT

White, navy style. Sea Explorer emblem embroidered on front. Worn to front of head and tilted to right.

## BLOUSE

(a) Navy blue, open neck, square collar with white Sea Explorer badge at corners. "SEA EXPLORERS BSA" strip in white on right breast. Two white stripes on collar and cuffs.

(b) White, for summer or tropical wear with blue Sea Explorer badge at corners of collar. "SEA EXPLORERS BSA" strip in blue on right breast. No stripes on collar or cuffs.

## TROUSERS

Bell-bottom navy type to match blouse.

## BELT

White web; universal Explorer emblem on buckle.

## NECKERCHIEF

Navy blue with Sea Explorer emblem in white. Folded smoothly, diagonally to form a cravat about 3 inches wide. It is then placed around the neck under the collar of the blouse and tied with a flat square knot, leaving ends from 4 to 6 inches long, the knot to be directly under the neck opening of the blouse. Note: U. S. Government regulations forbid the wearing of Navy or Coast Guard neckerchiefs.

## UNDERSHIRT

White, athletic style.

## SOCKS

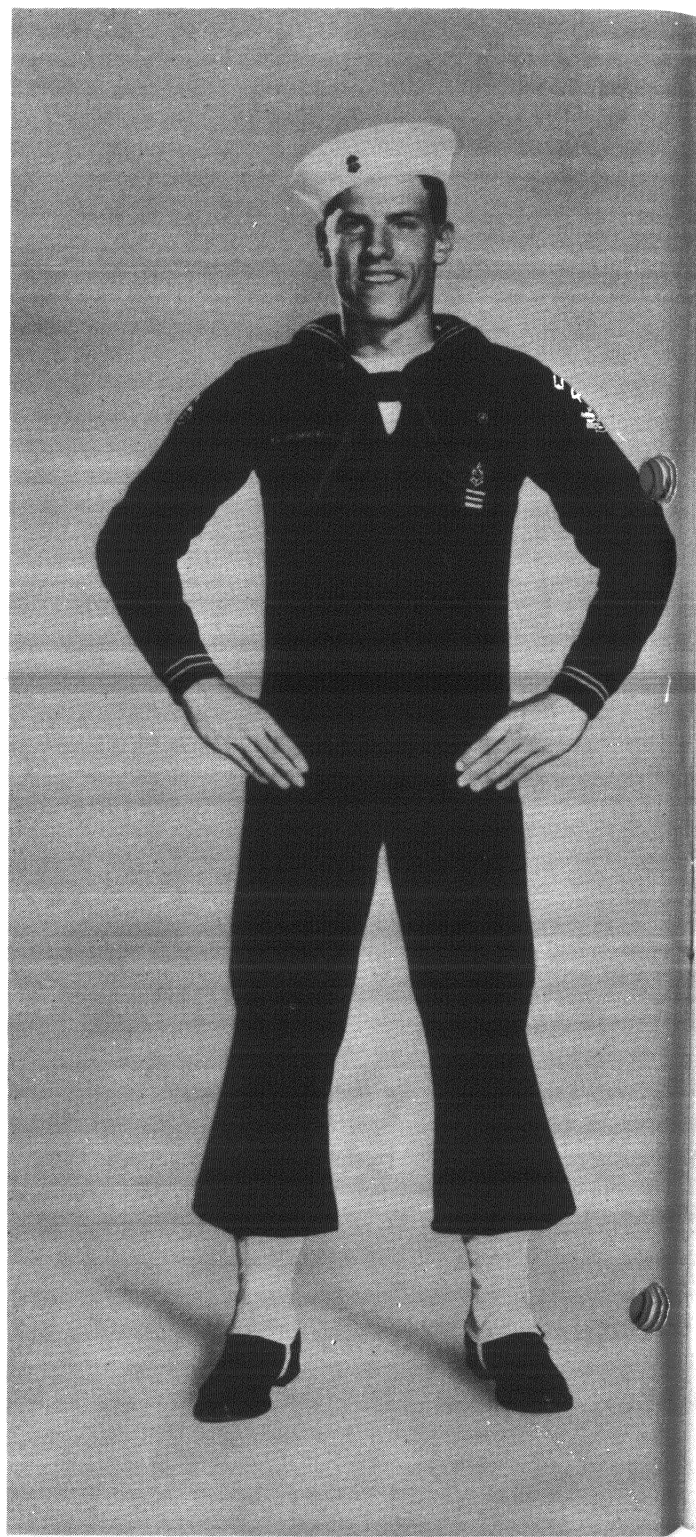
Plain black without stripe or figure.

## SHOES

Plain black.

## LEGGINGS

White canvas. Worn only when voted by ship.





## SEA EXPLORER LEADER'S UNIFORM

### **CAP**

Yachtman's style, navy blue top (white for summer) with black visor. Silver Sea Explorer insignia and silver chin strap. Black chin strap for quartermasters.

### **COAT**

Double-breasted, navy blue, four silver Sea Explorer buttons. "SEA EXPLORERS BSA" strip on right breast.

### **TROUSERS**

Navy blue, civilian type, no cuffs. White for summer or tropical wear with white socks and white shoes.

### **BELT**

Black leather, civilian type.

### **SHIRT**

Plain white commercial type without stripe or figure. Collar to match.

### **NECKTIE**

Plain navy blue. Official Explorer tie chain may be worn.

### **SOCKS**

Plain black or dark blue for wear with black shoes. Plain white to match shoes.

### **SHOES**

Plain black for wear with blue trousers. Plain white to match white trousers.

### **LEGGINGS**

White canvas. Worn only when voted by ship.

# I N S I G N I A

## POSITION ON UNIFORM

### GENERAL INSIGNIA

As indicated in this booklet.

### BADGES OF RANK (except medals)

Left pocket.

### BADGES OF OFFICE\*

Left sleeve of shirt (cloth).  
Coat collar (metal).

### JUNIOR LEADER IN A TROOP

Any Explorer in a troop serving as a junior assistant Scoutmaster, senior patrol leader, etc., wears the badge of his troop office on his Explorer uniform on the left sleeve, 1/2 inch below his Explorer badge of office, or 4 inches below the shoulder seam if he has no Explorer office.

### HONOR AND DISTINCTION

As indicated in this booklet.

### TEMPORARY INSIGNIA

Right pocket — limited to one badge.

### MERIT BADGES

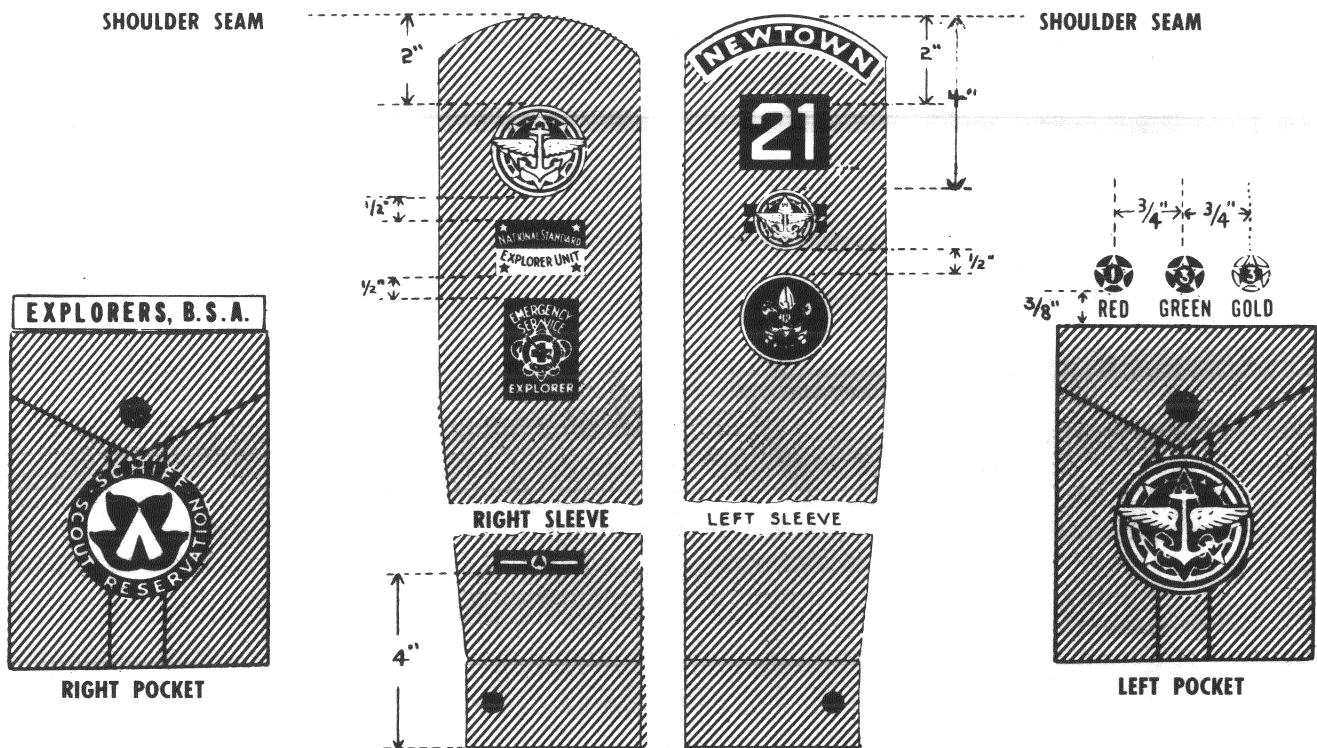
Sash (see page 25).

### MINIATURE BADGES

Civilian wear only.

### BOY SCOUT BADGES OF RANK

Badges of Scout rank may be worn on any Explorer uniform centered on left pocket of shirt, below Explorer badge of rank, except Eagle. Suspended Eagle is pinned above pocket flap and to right of all Explorer insignia. Embroidered Eagle badge on pocket above Explorer badge of rank.



\*Except Sea Explorer leaders.

# GENERAL INSIGNIA FOR ALL EXPLORERS



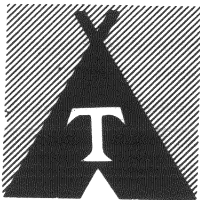
## EXPLORER UNIVERSAL MEDALLION

Embroidered in silver and gold on a red background 2½ inches in diameter. Worn by all Explorers and leaders centered on the right sleeve 2 inches below the shoulder seam. May be replaced by patch of local design of same size, if approved by local council.



## EXPLORER PIN

Consists of the combined Sea Explorer anchor, Air Explorer wings, and Explorer compass in silver, with the outline of the fleur-de-lis in gold. Explorers may wear this or the universal Scout badge on civilian clothes.



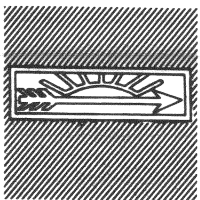
## CAMP OR TEMPORARY INSIGNIA

Centered on right breast pocket.



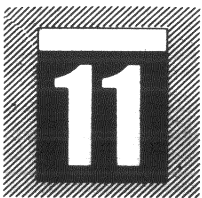
## INTERPRETER'S STRIP

Cloth; strip shows foreign language spoken. Red on khaki. Worn centered on flap of right pocket of uniform shirt by those who have met requirement 5a of the World Brotherhood merit badge. Also available in white on blue for Sea Explorer navy blue jumper. Worn on right breast below "SEA EXPLORERS BSA" strip.



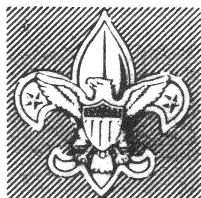
## WEBELOS

Embroidered in blue and gold on khaki background. Worn centered immediately above lower seam of left pocket of uniform shirt. No metal or miniature.



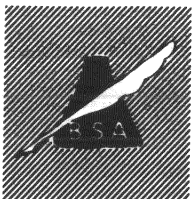
## TWENTY-FIVE YEAR UNIT INSIGNIA

A silver embroidered bar, placed directly above and flush with unit numeral.



## UNIVERSAL SCOUT BADGE

Miniature gold color pin or button for civilian wear. May be worn by Scouters, Boy Scouts, Explorers, Cub Scout leaders, den mothers, wives of Scouters, and mothers of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers.



## GOLD QUILL

Metal; gold on black. Local award for civilian wear.



## HOW TO WEAR SERVICE STARS

background for each year of service as an Explorer, or a single numbered star on a red background indicating total years as an Explorer. An Explorer may also wear additional single numbered stars with appropriate backgrounds, indicating his Boy Scout and Cub Scout service, if any.

## EXPLORER — An Explorer may wear a plain star with a red

**DEN CHIEF**—A Boy Scout or Explorer who is serving as a den chief may wear a plain star with a gold background for each year of service as a den chief. These stars are attached to the tab of the den chief's cord worn on the right shoulder.

## Partial Service

If he has served as a Cub Scout for more than six months but less than a year and becomes a Boy Scout, he may, on the anniversary of his original registration, wear a 1-year Cub Scout service star. If he has served as a Cub Scout for less than six months and becomes a Boy Scout, he may wear a 1-year Boy Scout service star on his anniversary. This ruling applies in like manner to partial service as a Boy Scout or Explorer.

## Scouter

Up to ten years—A Scouter may wear a single numbered star with light blue background, indicating total years of service up to and including ten years.

Up to twenty years—For more than ten years of service, he may wear a second star with light blue background, indicating additional years up to and including nine (or a combined total of nineteen).

Twenty to thirty years and over—For twenty years of service he may wear a single 20-year star, plus a second star for additional "in between" years, and likewise for thirty to forty years and over.

Multiples of ten—A Scouter may also choose to indicate long service in multiples of ten years by wearing one or more 10-year stars in a row with a single numbered star to indicate "in between" years. Example: 36 years — three "10's" and one "6."

Boy service—A Scouter may also choose to wear single numbered stars with appropriate backgrounds, indicating his Explorer, Boy Scout, and Cub Scout service, as part of his total service. Den mothers—Den mothers may wear Scouter service stars.

## Stars Centered Over Left Pocket

Service stars are worn in line, centered ¾ inch above the left pocket of the uniform, ¼ inch from center to center of stars. Order of wearing in line, from wearer's right to left: (1) Scouter—blue, (2) Explorer—red, (3) Boy Scout—green, and (4) Cub Scout—gold. The line of service stars may be raised if necessary to allow room for decorations, medals, and other insignia prescribed for the left breast.

# EXPLORER IN A TROOP OR POST

## GENERAL INSIGNIA

### EXPLORER AND LEADER



#### SERVICE STARS

Worn as by all Explorers. See page 11.



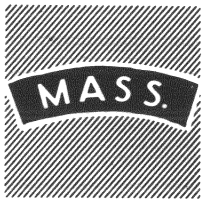
#### "EXPLORERS B.S.A." STRIP

Sewed above right pocket of shirt. Brown on green for green shirt. Red on khaki for khaki shirt.



#### COMMUNITY STRIP

White lettering and border embroidered on red. Lettered with the name of the community in which the chartered institution is located. In some cases, as may be determined by the local council, the strip may be lettered with the name of the community in which the unit meets if it differs from that of the chartered institution. Limited to seventeen letters and spaces. Worn on the left sleeve of the uniform with center touching the shoulder seam.



**STATE STRIP**

White lettering and border embroidered on red. Worn centered below and touching community strip.



**POST NUMERAL**

White numeral on red. Worn centered on left sleeve 2 inches below shoulder seam.

## BADGES OF OFFICE

### EXPLORER AND LEADER

Cloth only, except as noted; dark green background embroidered in silver or gold; bars gold; worn centered on left sleeve, 4 inches below shoulder seam. If more than one is worn, the minor should be 1/2 inch below the major. Explorers serving as junior leaders in a troop wear troop badge of office 1/2 inch below the Explorer badge of office, if worn.

**POST SECRETARY**

Gold pens; silver insignia; gold trefoil.



**ASSISTANT CREW LEADER**

One bar; silver insignia; gold trefoil.



**CREW LEADER**

Two bars; same as assistant crew leader.



**DEPUTY SENIOR CREW LEADER**

Three bars; same as assistant crew leader.



**SENIOR CREW LEADER**

Silver and gold.



**ASSISTANT EXPLORER ADVISOR**

Cloth embroidered in gold; gold metal for collar of Scouter's khaki coat only.



**EXPLORER ADVISOR**

Cloth embroidered in silver; metal, silver, for collar of Scouter's khaki coat only.



# BADGES OF RANK

## EXPLORER

Cloth; all backgrounds red; worn centered on left pocket of shirt, except as noted.



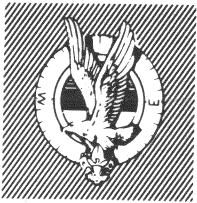
**APPRENTICE**  
Gold and silver.



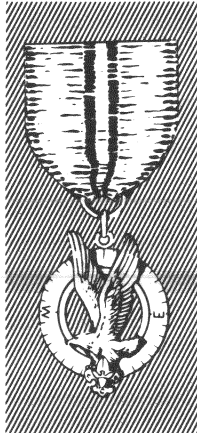
**BRONZE AWARD**  
Bronze; silver trefoil.



**GOLD AWARD**  
Gold; silver trefoil.



**NEW SILVER AWARD**  
Embroidered; silver insignia, red, white, and blue background.



**NEW EXPLORER SILVER AWARD**  
For Explorers in posts, crews, troops, and squadrons. Silver medal suspended from a ribbon of silver, red, white, and blue. Embroidered square knot also available. Worn as prescribed on page 30. Miniature pin for civilian wear.



## EXPLORER RATINGS

A red strip with the symbol of the rating embroidered in black on white. Worn on right sleeve 4 inches above and parallel with the edge of the cuff. Additional strips are worn flush one above the other.

**AVIATION**



**NAVIGATION**



**COMMUNICATIONS**



**OUTDOOR**



**CONSTRUCTION\***



**PHYSICAL FITNESS**



**CRAFT**



**SEAMANSHIP**



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\*For Air Explorers only

# SEA EXPLORER

## GENERAL INSIGNIA

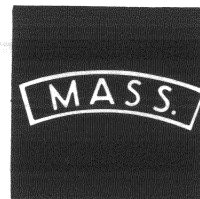
### SEA EXPLORER AND SEA EXPLORER LEADER

Cloth except as noted; navy blue background with white for blue uniform; white background with navy blue for white uniform.



#### COMMUNITY STRIP

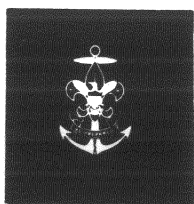
White lettering and border embroidered on red. Lettered with the name of the community in which the chartered institution is located. In some cases, as may be determined by the local council, the strip may be lettered with the name of the community in which the unit meets if it differs from that of the chartered institution. Limited to seventeen letters and spaces. Worn on the left sleeve of the uniform with center touching the shoulder seam.



#### STATE STRIP

##### Optional

White lettering and border embroidered on red. Worn centered below and touching community strip.



#### UNIVERSAL SEA EXPLORER BADGE

Metal; civilian clothes only.



#### "SEA EXPLORERS B.S.A." STRIP

Sewed above right breast of jumper and leader's coat.



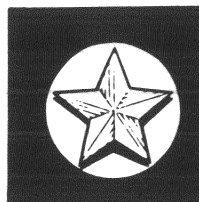
#### SHIP OR UNIVERSAL MEDALLION

Embroidered in silver and gold on a red background 2½ inches in diameter. Worn by all Explorers and leaders centered on the right sleeve 2 inches below the shoulder seam. May be replaced by patch of local design of same size, if approved by local council.



#### SHIP NUMERAL

White numeral on red. Worn centered on left sleeve 2 inches below shoulder seam.



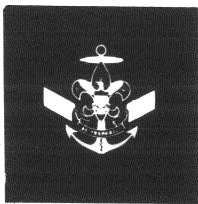
#### SERVICE STARS

Worn as by all Explorers. See page 11.

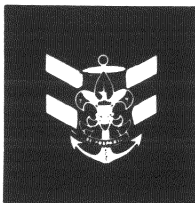
# BADGES OF OFFICE

## SEA EXPLORER AND LEADER

White insignia for blue uniform, blue insignia for white uniform. Worn centered on left sleeve of blouse, 4 inches below the shoulder seam. If more than one badge is worn, the yeoman or bugler's insignia is located ½ inch below the other badge of office.



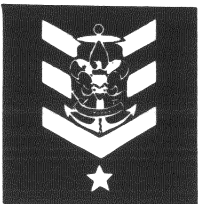
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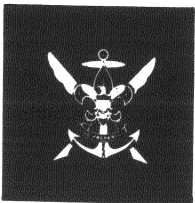
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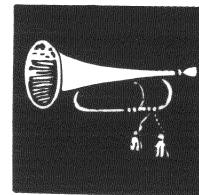
**BOATSWAIN'S  
MATE**  
Deputy senior crew leader.



**BOATSWAIN**  
Senior crew leader.



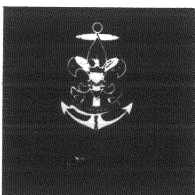
**YEOMAN**  
Secretary.



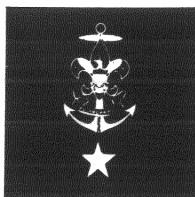
**BUGLER**

## LEADER

White insignia on navy blue background. Worn centered on both sleeves of the uniform coat with star or stars 2 inches above edge of cuffs. Quartermaster badge (without star) worn 2 inches above edge of cuffs.



**QUARTERMASTER**  
Worn by qualified Sea Explorer in leader's uniform.



**MATE**  
Assistant ship advisor.



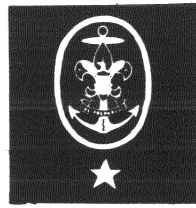
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Ship advisor.



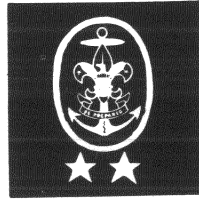
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**NATIONAL STAFF**



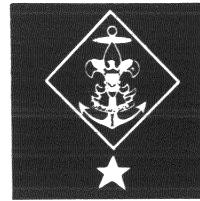
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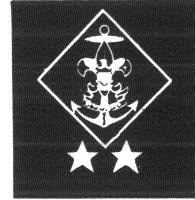
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**SHIP CHAIRMAN**



**LOCAL CHAIRMAN**

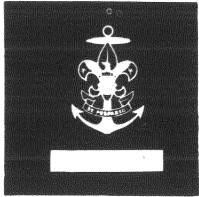


**NATIONAL  
CHAIRMAN**

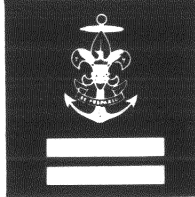
# BADGES OF RANK

## SEA EXPLORER

Cloth, white on navy blue background for blue uniforms; navy blue on white background for white uniforms; worn on jumper, centered on pocket.



**APPRENTICE**



**ORDINARY**



**ABLE**



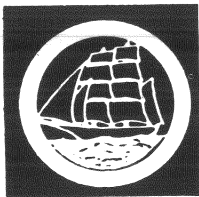
**EXPLORER  
QUARTERMASTER**

Silver medal suspended from an admiralty-blue ribbon. Miniature available. Embroidered knot also available in white on blue for the blue uniform, and blue on white for the white blouse. For correct positions on uniform see page 30.



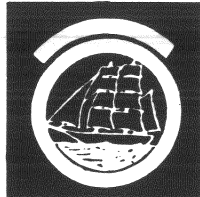
Note: A quartersmaster is entitled to wear an officer's uniform with black chin strap and a Sea Explorer's embroidered badge 2 inches above each cuff. See page 17.

## SPECIAL INSIGNIA



**LONG CRUISE  
BADGE**

Red, white, and blue, embroidered. Worn on left sleeve of blouse or leader's coat, centered 6 inches below the shoulder seam, or 1/2 inch below such badge of office as may be worn in that location.



**LONG CRUISE ARC**

Worn parallel to the rim and centered 1/4 inch above the Long Cruise badge. Additional arcs 1/4 inch apart. Red arcs for each additional cruise and white arcs for each total of five cruises.

# AIR EXPLORER

## GENERAL INSIGNIA

### AIR EXPLORER AND LEADER



#### SQUADRON NUMERAL

White numeral on red. Worn centered on left sleeve 2 inches below shoulder seam.



#### SERVICE STARS

Worn as by all Explorers. See page 11.



#### COMMUNITY STRIP

White lettering and border embroidered on red. Lettered with the name of the community in which the chartered institution is located. In some cases, as may be determined by the local council, the strip may be lettered with the name of the community in which the unit meets if it differs from that of the chartered institution. Limited to seventeen letters and spaces. Worn on the left sleeve of the uniform with center touching the shoulder seam.



#### UNIVERSAL AIR EXPLORER BADGE

Metal miniature pin for civilian wear, embroidered for uniform. Worn on right sleeve 2 inches below shoulder seam.



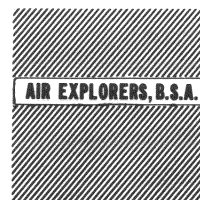
#### SQUADRON OR UNIVERSAL MEDALLION

Embroidered in silver and gold on a red background 2½ inches in diameter. Worn by all Explorers and leaders centered on the right sleeve 2 inches below the shoulder seam. May be replaced by patch of local design of same size, if approved by local council.



#### STATE STRIP Optional

White lettering and border embroidered on red. Worn centered below and touching community strip.



#### "AIR EXPLORER B.S.A." STRIP

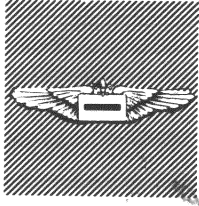
Royal blue lettering on light blue strip. Worn immediately over right hand pocket of shirt.

# BADGES OF OFFICE

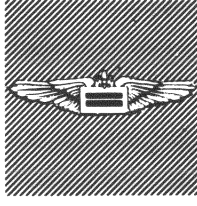
## AIR EXPLORER AND LEADER

Cloth; sky blue background; badge gold with brown, except as noted.

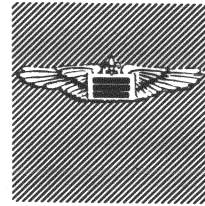
Worn centered on left sleeve, 4 inches below shoulder seam.



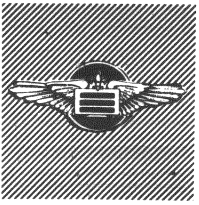
**ASSISTANT CREW LEADER**  
Gold badge, blue bar.



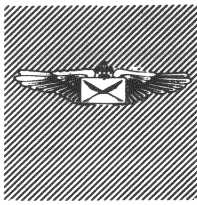
**CREW LEADER**  
Gold badge, two blue bars.



**DEPUTY SENIOR CREW LEADER**  
Gold badge, three blue bars.



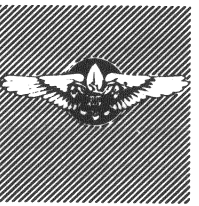
**SENIOR CREW LEADER**  
Silver wings, three blue bars; silver circle.



**SQUADRON SECRETARY**  
Dark blue pens.



**ASSISTANT SQUADRON ADVISOR**  
Gold badge, gold wings on blue background.



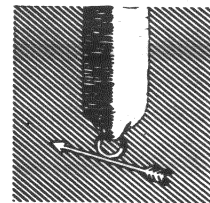
**SQUADRON ADVISOR**  
Silver wings, gold badge.

# ORDER OF THE ARROW



## LODGE INSIGNIA

Shaped to conform to the size of the flap on the pocket of the shirt. Worn on the right pocket completely covering the flap. Design to be approved by the local council. Such insignia must not be worn on Scouter's or Sea Explorer leader's coat.

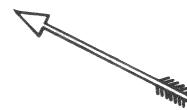
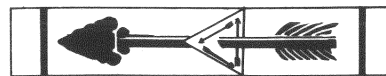
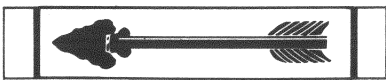
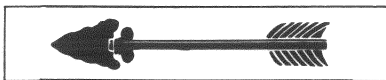


## INSIGNIA

A miniature silver arrow on a narrow ribbon of red and white, worn suspended from the bottom of the right breast pocket of the uniform.

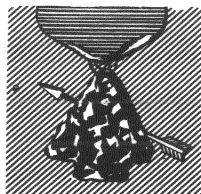
## SASHES

Red insignia on white. Worn over right shoulder, only on ceremonial occasions.



## PIN

A miniature silver arrow, for civilian wear only.



## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Antique silver arrow head suspended by an olive green ribbon, worn around the neck as prescribed on page 31.



## VIGIL HONOR

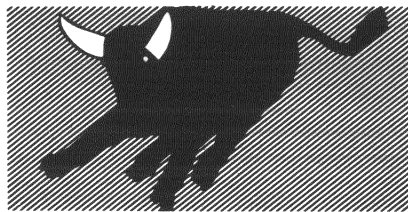
A small red triangle containing three gold arrows. For civilian wear only.

**EXPLORER UNIT  
ACHIEVEMENT  
PATCHES**

Local, regional, and national patches are worn 1/2 inch below unit or universal medallion on the right sleeve. Only one such patch may be worn and then only for one year following its award.

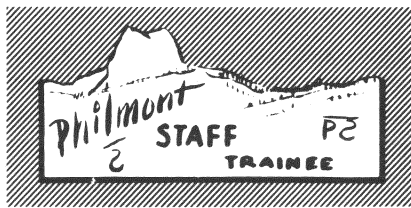


**PHILMONT INSIGNIA**



**PHILMONT BULL**

Worn only on red jacket or jac-shirt. Large black bull, by Scouters, white bull for Scouters' wives, and smaller black bull by Explorers. Not worn on uniform.



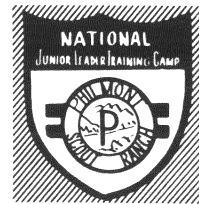
**STAFF TRAINEE**

Not worn on the official uniform. May be worn on jacket, windbreaker, or sweater.



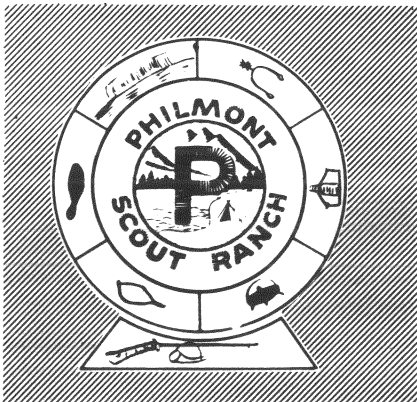
**NATURE AWARD**

Not worn on the official uniform. May be worn on jacket, windbreaker, or sweater.



**NATIONAL JUNIOR  
LEADER TRAINING  
CAMP AWARD  
—PHILMONT  
SCOUT RANCH**

Cloth; red and blue shield, white border. Philmont Scout Ranch insignia in gold and green with black lettering. Red "P," green bars. Worn centered on right pocket.



**PHILMONT BADGE AND SEGMENTS**

Worn centered on the right pocket of the uniform shirt or Scouter's coat. Segments are worn flush around the Philmont badge, as illustrated.



**PHILMONT STAFF**

Not worn on the official uniform. May be worn on jacket, windbreaker, or sweater.



**FIELD SPORTS**

Not worn on the official uniform. May be worn on jacket, windbreaker, or sweater.

# MISCELLANEOUS AND SPECIAL INSIGNIA



**ALPHA PHI OMEGA**  
Metal; gold, white, and blue; civilian wear only; college service fraternity.



**PHILMONT EMBLEM**  
Red, orange, green, blue, and black. Worn centered on right pocket.



**ATTENDANCE PIN One Year**  
Metal; gold color; suspended from bar with words "1 Year"; worn on the left breast as prescribed on page 30.



**MUSICIAN'S BADGE**  
Gold on khaki; worn on right sleeve of shirt 1/2 inch below other insignia, by members of official bands or musical corps only.



**ORGANIZER**  
Metal; gold on blue. Local award for civilian wear.



**ATTENDANCE BAR**  
From two to ten years inclusive; attached between 1-year bar and medal.



**EMERGENCY SERVICE ARM BAND**  
Cloth. Worn on right arm over outer garment by Explorers who have earned the Emergency Service badge, and by leaders who are actively engaged in emergency service activities.

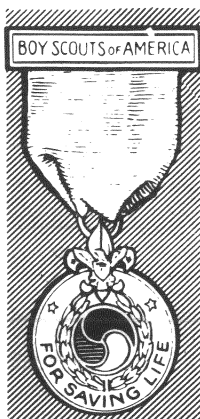


**EMERGENCY SERVICE BADGE**  
Cloth. Worn 1/2 inch below the unit or universal medallion on the right sleeve, or 1/2 inch below the Explorer unit achievement patch, if worn, by all Explorers and leaders meeting the prescribed requirements.

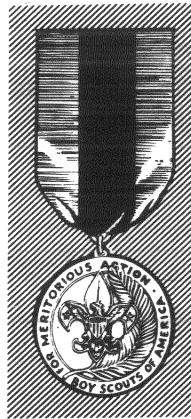
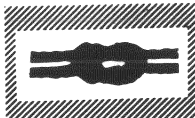


**SCOUT LIFE GUARD**  
Cloth; red, gold, white on blue background; worn on right side of swimming trunks.

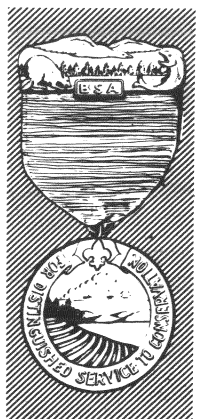
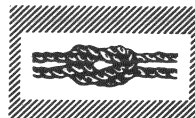
# BADGES OF HONOR AND DISTINCTION



**HONOR MEDAL**  
Awarded only by the National Court of Honor. Gold medal, red, white, and blue center, suspended from a red ribbon. Embroidered red square knot available for informal wear. Worn as prescribed on page 30.



**MEDAL OF MERIT**  
Awarded only by the National Court of Honor. Gold medal, blue border, suspended from a gold, blue, and gold ribbon. Embroidered gold and blue square knot available for informal wear. Worn as prescribed on page 30.



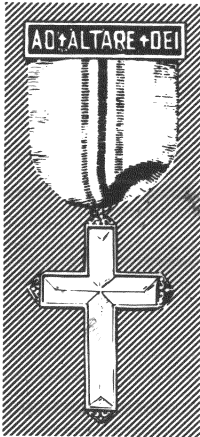
**HORNADAY AWARD**  
Gold medal, suspended from a green ribbon. Worn as prescribed on page 30.

**HORNADAY BADGE**  
Gold pin worn as prescribed on page 30.

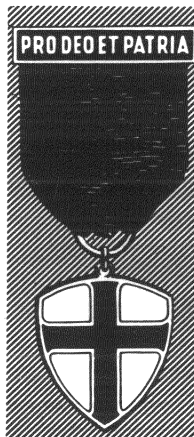


# RELIGIOUS AWARDS

These awards are made by church and synagogue committees to their Scouts and Explorers who meet certain religious requirements; all awards are metal. Worn on the left breast as prescribed on page 30.



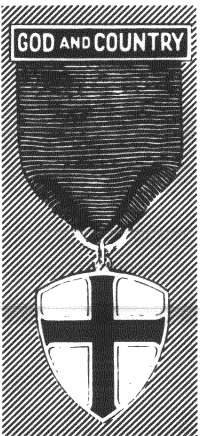
**AD ALTARE DEI**  
Catholic award.  
Bronze cross. Red, white, blue, and yellow ribbon.



**PRO DEO ET PATRIA**  
Lutheran award.  
Red cross on white shield. Blue ribbon.



**NER TAMID**  
Jewish award.  
Bronze medallion.  
Blue and white ribbon.



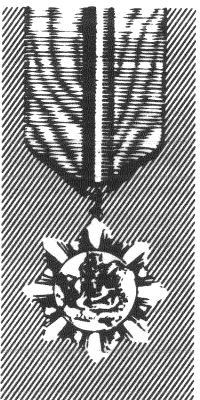
**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY**  
Protestant award.  
Red cross on white shield. Blue ribbon.



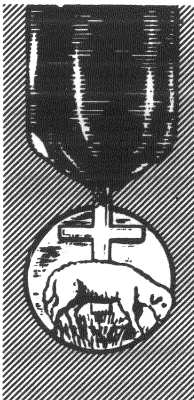
**"DUTY TO GOD"**  
Latter-day Saints Award.  
Silver Medallion.  
Green and gold ribbon.



**BUDDHIST**  
Gold wheel medallion.  
Purple and gold ribbon.



**ST. GEORGE**  
Catholic Award to Scouters.  
Gold medal.  
Red, white, blue and yellow ribbon. Worn as prescribed on page 31.



**LAMB**  
Lutheran Award to Scouters.  
Silver medal.  
Red ribbon. Worn as prescribed on page 31.

# MERIT BADGES

- a. Merit badges are worn on the merit badge sash — either two badges side by side on the narrow (3¾ inch) sash, or three badges side by side on the wide (5 inches) sash, starting at the shoulder. After the front of the sash is filled, rows of merit badges may be sewn to the back of the sash. The sash is worn only over the right shoulder. Only merit badges may be worn on the sash.
- b. Boy Scouts wear the khaki-colored sash.
- c. Up to six badges may be worn on the right sleeve of the long-sleeved shirt in rows of two, bottom row parallel to the cuff and 3 inches above end of sleeve. If the sash is worn, merit badges may not appear on the sleeve.



Agriculture



Animal Industry



Archery



Architecture



Art



Astronomy



Athletics



Automobiling



Aviation



Basketry



Beef Production



Beekeeping



Bird Study



Bookbinding



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Camping



Canoeing



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Citizenship in the Community



Citizenship in the Home



Citizenship in the Nation



Coin Collecting



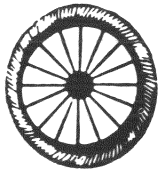
Cooking



Corn Farming



Cotton Farming



Cycling



Dairying



Dog Care



Dramatics



Electricity



Farm Home and Its Planning



Farm Layout & Building Arrangement



Farm Mechanics



Farm Records and Bookkeeping



Fingerprinting



Firemanship



First Aid



First Aid to Animals



Fishing



Forestry



Fruit and Nut Growing



Gardening



Geology



Grasses, Legumes & Forage Crops



Hiking



Hog & Pork Production



Home Repairs



Horsemanship



Indian Lore



Insect Life



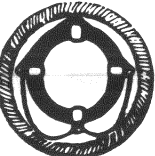
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Landscape Gardening



Leatherwork



Life Saving



Machinery



Marksmanship



Masonry



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Pigeon Raising



Pioneering



Plumbing



Pottery



Poultry Keeping



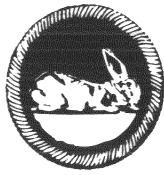
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Public Speaking



Rabbit Raising



Radio



Railroading



Reading



Reptile Study



Rowing



Safety



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Seamanship



Sheep Farming



Signaling



Skiing



Small Grains & Cereal Foods



Soil & Water Conservation



Stamp Collecting



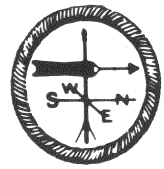
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Wildlife Management



Woodcarving



Woodwork



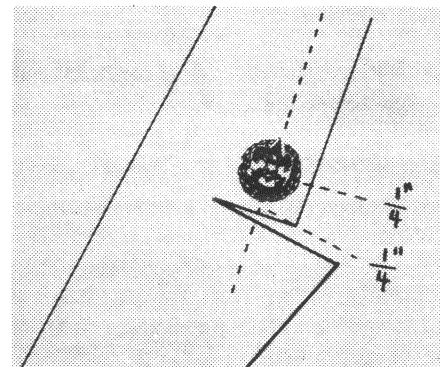
World Brotherhood



Zoology

# LOCAL AND NATIONAL SCOUTER INSIGNIA

Metal badges are worn pinned on each side of the collar of the uniform coat (never on the shirt),  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch above the lapel notch, and  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from, and parallel to, the outside edge of the collar. Cloth badges are worn on the left sleeve of the uniform shirt (never on coat), 4 inches below the shoulder seam and centered on the arm.

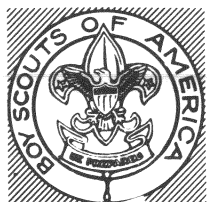


METAL INSIGNIA ON SCOUTER'S COAT COLLAR

## LOCAL COUNCIL BADGES OF OFFICE

### VOLUNTEER

Badge blue; all designs for commissioners are identical; color of eagle, trefoil outline, and wreath indicates office.



**LAYMEN**  
Gold on blue; worn by all Scouters for whose office no specific badge is provided.



**NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONER**  
Gold outline, eagle, and wreath.



**ASSISTANT DISTRICT and ASSISTANT FIELD COMMISSIONER**  
Silver outline; gold eagle and wreath.



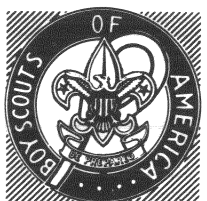
**DISTRICT and FIELD COMMISSIONER**  
Silver outline and eagle; gold wreath.



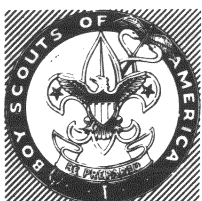
**SCOUT COMMISSIONER**  
Silver outline, eagle, and wreath.



**LOCAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT**  
Gold on blue. Hands pointing out.



**CHAPLAIN**  
Gold on blue and white.



**PHYSICIAN**  
Gold on blue and white.



**LOCAL COUNCIL PAST PRESIDENT**  
Gold on blue. Hand pointing down.

**PROFESSIONAL**



**LOCAL COUNCIL STAFF**  
Gold on red.

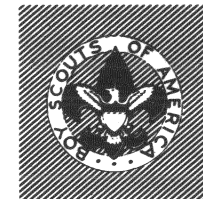


**SCOUT EXECUTIVE & DEPUTY SCOUT EXECUTIVE**  
Silver on red.

**NATIONAL AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES**



**MALE EMPLOYEE**  
Red and bronze metal for uniform coat collar wear; embroidered for shirt.



**WOMAN EMPLOYEE**  
Silver and red; metal only.

Not Professional Scouters

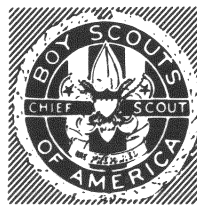
**NATIONAL COUNCIL BADGES OF OFFICE**

Worn as by Local Council Scouters

**VOLUNTEER**



**SPECIAL NATIONAL FIELD SCOUT COMMISSIONER**  
Silver badge and eagle; gold wreath; purple background.



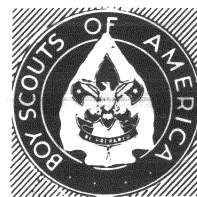
**CHIEF SCOUT**  
Silver badge outline, insignia, blue background; red, white, and blue background.



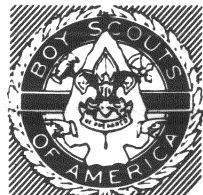
**NATIONAL SCOUT COMMISSIONER**  
Silver insignia, red, white, and blue background.



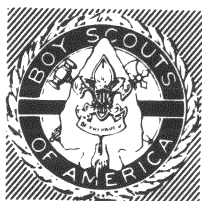
**INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONER**  
Gold and silver insignia; blue background; yellow, red, white, and blue rays.



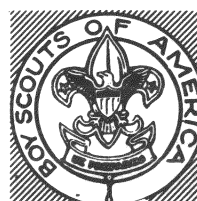
**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD**  
Silver and gold; purple background.



**PRESIDENT OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**  
Silver badge; gold arrow head; purple background. Hands pointing out.



**PAST PRESIDENT OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**  
Silver badge; gold arrow head; purple background. Hand pointing down.



**LAYMEN**  
Gold on blue; worn by all Scouters for whose office no specific badge is provided.

**PROFESSIONAL** Metal, cloth; background red, white and blue.



**NATIONAL, INCLUDING REGIONAL, STAFF**  
Silver trefoil; gold eagle and wreath.



**DEPUTY CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE**  
Silver trefoil and eagle; gold wreath.



**CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE**  
All silver.

# HOW TO WEAR DECORATIONS AND AWARDS ON LEFT BREAST

The following decorations and awards should be worn:

- (a) In line.
- (b) Centered over the left breast pocket of the uniform shirt and coat. The line of service stars may be raised if necessary  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch above decorations.
- (c) From (wearer's) right to left in the following order of precedence:

## A. SUSPENDED FROM RIBBONS (For ceremonial occasions) \*

1. United States, United Nations, or foreign government medals or ribbon bar pins in accordance with U. S. Government regulations
2. State government
3. Honor Medal
4. Medal of Merit
5. Eagle Scout Award
6. Quartermaster Award\*\*
7. Ace Award\*\*
8. Silver Award\*\*
9. Foreign Scout decorations
10. Scouter's Key or Training Award (only one)
11. Hornaday Award or badge (only one)
12. Religious award
13. Local council awards
14. Attendance pin

## B. EMBROIDERED SQUARE KNOTS (For informal occasions) \*\*\*

1. Honor Medal
2. Silver Buffalo
3. Silver Antelope
4. Silver Beaver
5. Medal of Merit
6. Eagle Scout

Follow order of those suspended from ribbons as prescribed above. The distinguishing color of the knot, if any, should be worn towards the wearer's right. Embroidered square knots are not available for the religious awards, local council awards, or attendance pins.

### \* CEREMONIAL OCCASIONS

When officially attending in uniform any formal function at the White House, governor's mansion, or other civic affairs involving ceremonies, receptions, presentations; meetings of the National Council and sessions of the National Court of Honor; local council dinners, luncheons, receptions, courts of honor, public affairs; formal affairs conducted by chartered institutions, religious services during BOY SCOUT WEEK, at camp during color ceremonies, governor's day, and special occasions as prescribed by the camp director.

### \*\*MAY BE WORN IN ORDER AWARDED

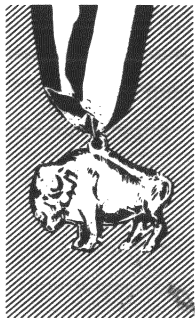
### \*\*\*INFORMAL OCCASIONS

Regular or ordinary meetings of dens, patrols, crews, units; on hikes, camping trips, or other physical activities when the wearing of formal decorations or medals may be inappropriate.

## FOREIGN SCOUT DECORATIONS

- a. A Scouter who has received a decoration from the national authorities of a foreign Scouting organization will wear the decoration as a courtesy to that country, when attending any public Scouting function in that country, or when attending any formal Scouting function in any country in honor of a public official or other distinguished citizen or subject of the country whose decoration he possesses.
- b. Except as prescribed above, the wearing of foreign Scout decorations is optional, but whenever a foreign Scout decoration is worn by an American Scouter, at least one American award should be worn at the same time if he possesses one. Foreign Scout medals suspended from ribbons will be worn on the left breast and take precedence immediately following the Eagle, Silver, Quartermaster, or Ace awards of the Boy Scouts of America.
- c. A Scouter who does not possess a Silver Buffalo, Antelope, or Beaver, but who has a foreign decoration which is required to be worn suspended from the neck, will so wear it. If an American decoration is worn, it will be placed above the foreign decoration around the neck.
- d. As far as consistent with the foregoing, foreign decorations and medals will be worn as nearly as practicable in accordance with the regulations of the country or Scout organization concerned.

# DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS



## SILVER BUFFALO For National or World-Wide Service

Silver, suspended from red, white, and red ribbon.



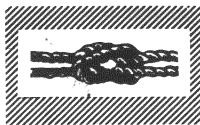
## SILVER ANTELOPE For Regional Service

Silver, suspended from orange, white, and orange ribbon.

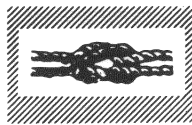


## SILVER BEAVER For Local Council Service

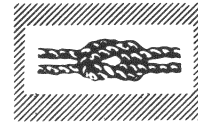
Silver, suspended from blue, white, and blue ribbon.



RED & WHITE

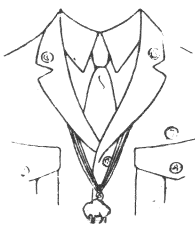


ORANGE & WHITE

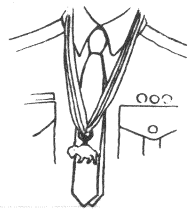


BLUE & WHITE

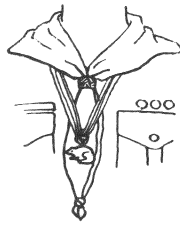
Worn as illustrated:



With Scouter coat – under the roll collar.



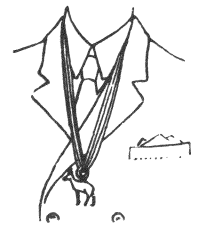
With Scouter shirt and necktie – over the shirt collar in back, with decoration over the necktie in front.



With Scouter shirt and neckerchief – under the neckerchief in back, with decoration over the neckerchief in front.



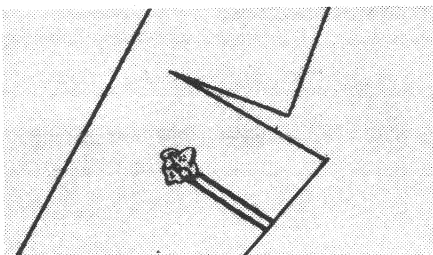
With single-breasted business or evening clothes – over the shirt collar, but under the coat in back, with decoration over the vest or shirt in front.



With double-breasted coat (including Sea Explorer advisor coat) – over the shirt collar, but under the coat in back, with decoration suspended over the roll collar in front.

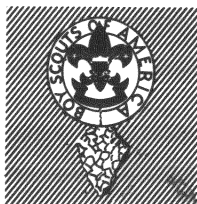
Wearing of more than one optional. For foreign Scout decorations see note on page 21.

## HOW TO WEAR CIVILIAN LAPEL RIBBONS Distinguished Service Awards



Pass one end through lapel buttonhole and other end around outside edge of lapel, from right to left of wearer. Tie or safety pin ends snugly together in back under lapel, so that ribbon is flat in front. Universal Scout badge should be worn with civilian lapel ribbon.

# TRAINING AWARDS



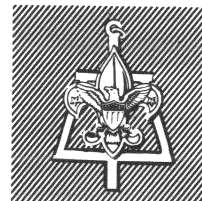
## ARROWHEAD HONOR AWARD For Advanced Volunteer Training.

Cloth; silver; worn on left sleeve of shirt, centered immediately below badge of office.



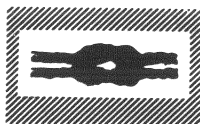
## SCOUTER'S TRAINING AWARD

Gold insignia suspended from green, white, and green ribbon. For all Scouters; Cubbers, including Den Mothers; and Explorer leaders in any branch, other than unit leaders. Worn on left breast as prescribed on page 30.



## SCOUTER'S KEY

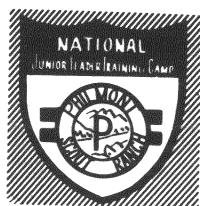
Gold key suspended from green, white, and green ribbon. For Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Explorer Advisors, and Commissioners. Worn on left breast as prescribed on page 30.



Cloth; square knot embroidered in green on khaki.



Cloth; square knot embroidered in green and white on khaki.



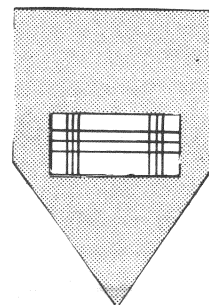
## NATIONAL JUNIOR LEADER TRAINING CAMP AWARD—PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

Cloth; red and blue shield, white border. Philmont Scout Ranch insignia in gold and green with black lettering. Red "P," green bars. Worn centered on right pocket.



## SCHIFF SCOUT RESERVATION BADGE

For those completing satisfactory training as required at Schiff Scout Reservation. Khaki cloth; bronze on green. Worn centered on right pocket.



## WOOD BADGE NECKERCHIEF

Awarded to Scouters who complete the Wood Badge training course. Beige with rose tint, and a piece of MacLaren tartan at the back. Worn only with Wood Badge slide and beads.



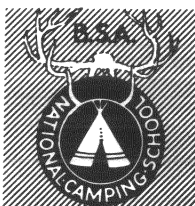
## WOOD BADGE SLIDE

Leather thong, Turk's-head style. Worn only with Wood Badge neckerchief and beads.



## NATIONAL JUNIOR LEADER TRAINING CAMP AWARD—SCHIFF SCOUT RESERVATION

Cloth; red and blue shield, white border. Schiff Reservation insignia in gold and green. Red tent, green bars. Worn centered on right pocket.



## NATIONAL CAMPING SCHOOL EMBLEM

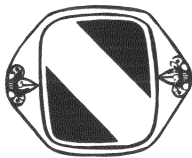
For certified graduates of national camping schools. Cloth; red, gold, white, black, on green background. Worn centered on right pocket.



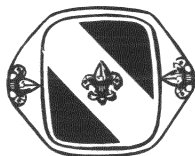
## WOOD BADGE BEADS

Two wooden beads suspended from a leather thong. Worn around the neck under the neckerchief in back, and over the neckerchief in front. Worn only with Wood Badge neckerchief and slide.

**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AWARDS**  
Gold Finger Rings.



**Plain**  
1. Graduate, National Training School



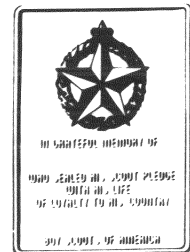
**Single**  
2. Basic training



**Double**  
3. Intermediate training



**Triple**  
4. Fellowship



**MEMORIAL PRESENTATION PLAQUE**

Oxidized bronze finish 3¼ x 2¾ inches in size. For bestowal upon the bereaved families of former Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers, and Scouters whose loyalty to country was proved in deeds and gallantly sealed in noble sacrifice.



**DISTINGUISHED PRESENTATION MEDALLION**

Oxidized bronze finish 3 inches in diameter. To recognize persons rendering special service to a local council. Not to be worn on the uniform.

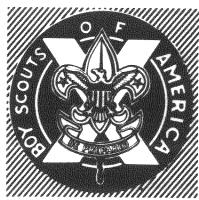


**INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE BADGE**

Silver lettering and insignia embroidered on a black background with purple border. Worn by American Scouters who are members of the Boy Scouts' International Committee or who are officially related to the work of the committee. Centered on the left pocket of the uniform coat and shirt. This insignia may also be worn on the point of a royal purple neckerchief in accordance with international usage.

**VETERAN INSIGNIA**

Metal, for civilian wear only.  
Gold on blue, except twenty-five year which is silver.



**10 YEARS**



**15 YEARS**



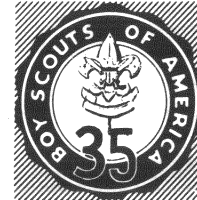
**20 YEARS**



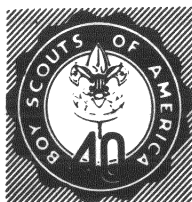
**25 YEARS**



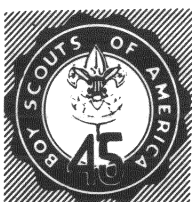
**30 YEARS**



**35 YEARS**

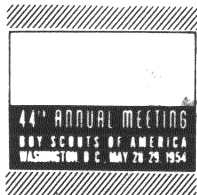


**40 YEARS**



**45 YEARS**

# GENERAL INSIGNIA



## CONVENTION BADGE

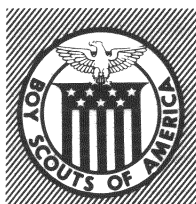
When officially attending a formal convention or other assembly incident to Scouting, religious, educational, social service, or other such activities, a Scouter in uniform should wear the convention identification badge attached to the flap or the button of the flap of the right pocket (as temporary insignia), removing it when the convention closes.



## LOCAL COUNCIL SHOULDER INSIGNIA

Small size for councils with short names, larger size for councils with long names. Worn by local council Scouters, including commissioners and executives, on the left sleeve of the uniform coat or shirt, with center touching the shoulder seam. All lettering in white on red background. Name of state optional.

May be worn in place of the community and state strip by entire council membership of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers, and unit Scouters if permitted by resolution of the local council executive board.



## WORLD JAMBOREE

Worn centered on the right pocket of the uniform coat and shirt during the jamboree, afterwards on the right breast. Only one badge may be worn in either location. Also worn centered on the right pocket of the Explorer jac-shirt and on the right breast of the Explorer jacket (approximately the same place as on the jac-shirt) to identify members of the Boy Scouts of America delegation.



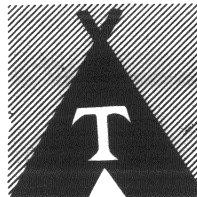
## NATIONAL JAMBOREE

Worn on right pocket during jamboree, afterwards, on right breast. Only one badge may be worn in either location.



## REGIONAL PATCH

Regional patches may be worn centered on the right sleeve of the uniform coat or shirt, 2 inches below the shoulder seam, by members of regional committees, regional and local council executive staff members, and temporarily by such other adult Scouters on specific regional assignments, such as a jamboree, as may be approved by the regional executive. Regional patches may **not** be worn by Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, or Explorers.



## TEMPORARY INSIGNIA

Temporary insignia may be authorized by local councils with the approval of the National Council to wear for a limited time or particular purpose in harmony with national policies, such as special service projects, camporees, council camps, jamborees, emergency service, etc. Brassards are worn around the right arm; all temporary badges worn on flap of or centered on right breast pocket of shirt or coat.



## AMERICAN RED CROSS EMERGENCY FIRST AID EMBLEM

Worn by Scouters to whom it has been awarded, centered on the right sleeve 2 inches below the shoulder seam or 1/2 inch below such B.S.A. insignia as may be prescribed for that position.



## THANKS BADGE

Metal; gold, red, white, and blue. For civilian wear by those to whom a local council awards it.

# FLAGS

## VETERAN INSIGNIA

Veteran insignia is affixed to unit and local council flags midway between the top and bottom of the flag, and midway between the pole and the flag emblem.

## RATING STARS — For Explorer Unit Flags Only

White stars may be affixed to the Explorer unit flag by units qualifying under the Standard Rating Plan. (1) Local council—two stars, one in upper and one in lower left corners. (2) Regional—three stars, one in upper and one in lower left corners and one at right center of flag. (3) National Council—four stars, one in each corner of flag.

## GOLD STARS

Gold stars may be affixed to the unit flag indicating members of the unit who died in the service of their country. They should be placed along the staff edge of the flag, parallel to the staff, with the bottom star 6 inches from the staff edge, and 6 inches from the bottom edge; subsequent stars to be placed proportionately on that line up to the place assigned to the veteran insignia.

## DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS

Local councils having a drum and bugle corps made up of boys from different units may put the lettering "Drum and Bugle Corps" in a line at the bottom of their council flag. A unit drum and bugle corps acting separately from the unit may carry its unit flag, but without special designation.

## SEA EXPLORER OFFICERS' FLAGS

Same design and colors as Explorer ship flag, available only in size 16 x 24 inches, no lettering.

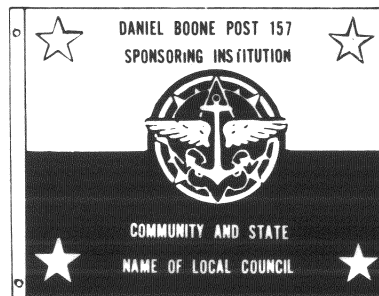
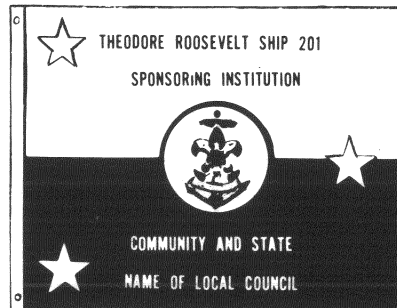
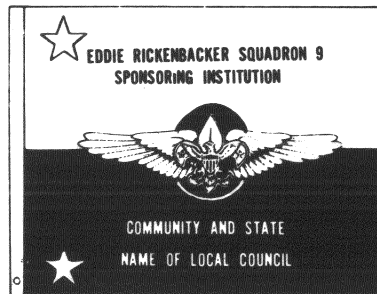
Local council officials: two stars

Regional and national officials: four stars

Skippers or ship advisors use the ship flag.

## FRINGES, CORDS, AND TASSELS

United States and organization flags authorized for use by the National Council, local councils, districts, and units (but not dens, patrols, or crews) may be trimmed with fringes, cords, and tassels if desired by the persons or committee purchasing them.



## CREW FLAG

White flag with emblem.

## SQUADRON FLAG

Upper half red, lower half dark blue. Universal Air Explorer emblem in white on a light blue background. White lettering with squadron name, numeral and chartered institution on upper half; and community, state and local council name on lower half. The names of squadron, sponsor, and council are optional. Flag illustrated indicates squadron with two star local council rating.

## SHIP FLAG

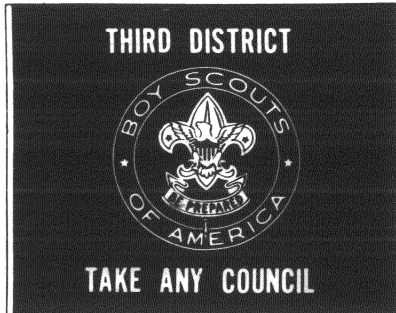
Upper half red, lower half dark blue. Universal Sea Explorer emblem in white on a royal blue background. White lettering with ship name, numeral, and chartered institution on upper half; and community, state, and local council name on lower half. The names of ship, sponsor, and council are optional. Flag illustrated indicates ship with three star regional rating.

## POST FLAG

Upper half red, lower half dark blue. Universal Explorer emblem in white and gold on a green background. White lettering with post name, numeral, and chartered institution on upper half; and community, state, and local council name on lower half. The names of post, sponsor, and council are optional. Flag illustrated indicates post with four star national rating.

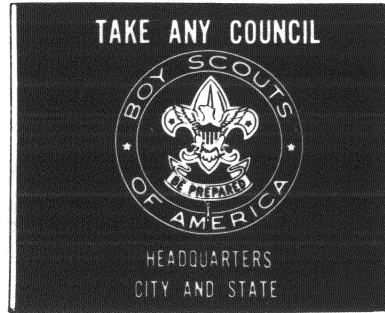
## UNITS IN FOREIGN LANDS

Unit flags may be lettered with the name of the foreign country appearing after the name of the community.



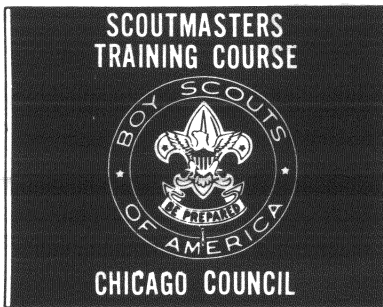
**DISTRICT FLAG**

Dark blue flag with gold emblem and lettering. Name or number of district on upper half, name of local council on lower half. Headquarters city and state optional.



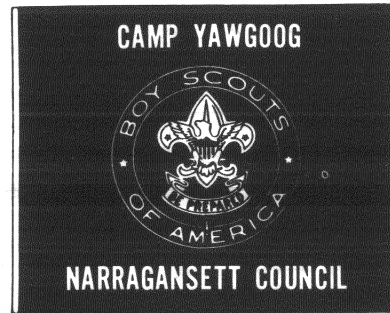
**LOCAL COUNCIL FLAG**

Dark blue flag with gold emblem and lettering. Name of council on upper half, headquarters city and state on lower half.



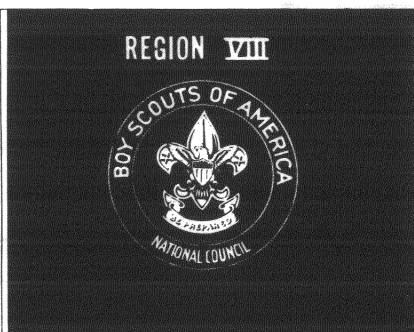
**TRAINING COURSE FLAG**

Dark blue flag with gold emblem and lettering indicating type of course and council name.



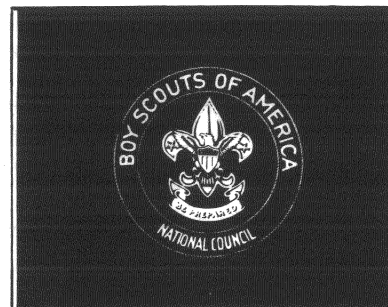
**COUNCIL CAMP FLAG**

Dark blue flag with gold emblem and lettering indicating name of camp and council.



**REGIONAL FLAG**

Purple flag with silver emblem and lettering. Regional number in Roman numerals on upper half. Names of states may be added if desired.



**NATIONAL COUNCIL FLAG**

Purple flag with silver emblem.

# EXTRACTS FROM THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

## CONSTITUTION—ARTICLE XV—

### UNIFORMS AND BADGES

The Badges and other official Insignia and the Uniforms of the Boy Scouts of America shall be made available to, and used only by, registered Scouts or Officials and other members who have satisfactorily complied with the requirements prescribed by the National Council.

## BY-LAWS—ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4,

### *Insignia and Uniform Clause 6—*

The Committee on Insignia and Uniform shall serve as advisor to the Executive Board in all matters involving Badges, Awards, and the design of the Official Uniform. It shall consist of nine or more men experienced in Scouting, and shall include one or more active Scoutmasters, Scout Executives, and National Staff Members; the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the National Court of Honor shall serve as members ex-officio. All matters requiring action by this Committee shall be referred to the members by mail from time to time, and acted upon by the Committee either by mail or at a stated meeting, as may be determined by the Chairman of the Committee.

## BY-LAWS—ARTICLE VIII— BADGES AND INSIGNIA

### *Protection and Use*

SECTION 1—All Badges and Insignia of the Boy Scouts of America shall be used exclusively by members of the Boy Scouts of America registered and in good standing according to the records at the National Office, who qualify in accordance with the provisions herein set forth, or as may be authorized by the

Executive Board from time to time and published in the official Handbooks issued by the National Council.

All Badges and Insignia shall remain the property of the Boy Scouts of America subject to recall for cause by the National Council or its duly authorized representative.

### *Prohibition of Alterations*

SECTION 2—No alteration of, or additions to, the official Badges and Insignia or in the rules and regulations governing their use, or their location upon the Uniform may be authorized by any Scout Official or Local Council, Executive Board or Committee, except the National Executive Board upon recommendation from the Committee on Insignia and Uniform.

### *Special Local Badges and Insignia*

SECTION 3—Local Councils are authorized to adopt special Badges and Insignia as Awards for particular purposes in harmony with National Policies and to permit their use upon the Official Uniform in accordance with the rules and regulations of the National Council, but such awards must be approved as to purpose and design by the National Council in advance.

## BY-LAWS—ARTICLE X—UNIFORMS APPROVED BY EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1—The Official Uniforms authorized as evidence of official relationship to the Boy Scouts of America, shall be those approved by action of the Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America from time to time, as illustrated and correctly described in the Handbooks, Catalogues, and other official publications of the Boy Scouts of America.

## PROTECTION

### SECTION 2—

#### *Restricted Sale and Use*

*Clause 1*—The sale and use of the appropriate Uniform as specified shall be restricted to members of the Boy Scouts of America who are registered and in good standing according to the records of the National Office. It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Boy Scouts of America and especially of all Commissioned Officers and chartered Councils to cooperate with the National Council in preventing the use of the Official Uniforms by those who are not members of the organization in good standing.

#### *Prohibition of Alteration*

*Clause 2*—No alteration of, or additions to, the official Uniforms as described in the Official Publications, or the Rules and Regulations governing the wearing of the Uniform and the proper combinations thereof on official occasions, may be authorized by any Scout Official or Local Council or any Local Executive Board or Committee except the National Executive Board upon recommendation from the Committee on Insignia and Uniform.

## DISTRIBUTION

SECTION 3—The Official Uniforms and parts thereof shall be issued only through the National Supply Service Division of the Boy Scouts of America and through responsible local merchants designated as Local Scout Distributors. Local Scout Distributors may be appointed and licensed, and the license revoked, only by the National Executive Board or the National Executive Committee; but chartered Local Councils may make recommendations for such action.

Local Councils and/or other Local Scout Units shall not be appointed nor licensed to maintain a Trading Post or sales depot or agency for the sale of the Scout Uniform and parts thereof. This restriction shall not be construed to interfere with the distribution by Local Councils of official Badges and Insignia, official Scout Literature, and certain approved sundries authorized by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

## USE

SECTION 4—When to use. The Official Uniforms are intended primarily for use in connection with the activities of the Boy Scout Movement, but their use may be authorized by local Scout Officials under conditions and for purposes not inconsistent with the

principles of Scouting and the Boy Scout Program, provided, however, the Uniforms shall not be used:

(1) When soliciting funds or engaging in any commercial enterprise. But this shall not be construed to forbid members of the Boy Scouts of America in Uniform selling tickets for Scout Circuses, Rallies, and similar Scouting events, or selling miscellaneous items incident and related to such Scouting events.

(2) When engaging in distinctive political endeavor.

(3) When appearing upon the stage professionally without specific authority from the Executive Board. (See Article XVII, Section 2, Clause 1.)

## CREDENTIALS FOR USE ABROAD

SECTION 5—Members of the Boy Scouts of America shall not wear the Official Uniforms nor any official Scout Badges and Insignia outside the limits of the United States without special credentials from the National Council issued through the Executive Board, authorizing them to do so.

## BY-LAWS—ARTICLE XVII—GENERAL REGULATIONS—Soliciting Funds

### SECTION 2—

#### *Solicitation of Money, or sale of Tags and Ticket Sales*

*Clause 1*—Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers, collectively or individually, shall not be used in the solicitation of money or the sale of tags, or other similar methods of solicitation of money in connection with efforts to raise money incidental to the expenses of Scouting, provided, however, that this shall not prohibit Local Councils from sanctioning the sale of tickets for the public display of Scouting activities such as Merit Badge Shows, Rallies, Demonstrations, etc., when the nature of the program or function offers a value commensurate with the purchase price of tickets offered for sale, and the sale of tickets is not used in an indirect method of defeating the purpose of this By-Law; and provided further that the participation of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers in the sale of tickets for such affairs shall be confined to their parents and immediate friends, and not involve methods similar to those used in the sale of tags or other general solicitation.

The Official Uniforms must not be capitalized in such sale of tickets (see Article X, Section 4), but this shall not be construed to forbid Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers or their leaders in Uniform selling tickets to Scout circuses, rallies and similar Scout Events.

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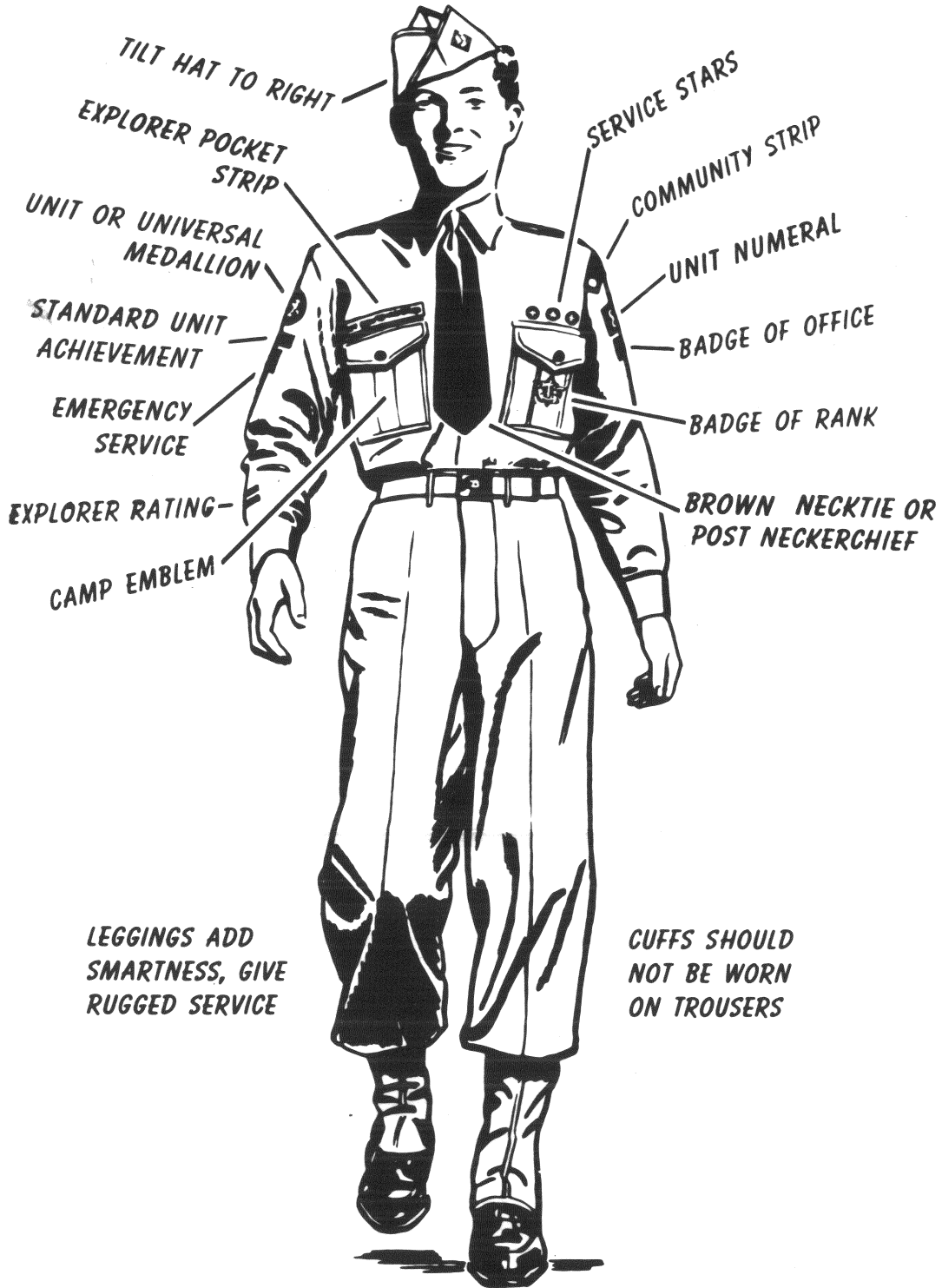
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# INSIGNIA IS PART OF THE UNIFORM!



LEGGINGS ADD  
SMARTNESS, GIVE  
RUGGED SERVICE

CUFFS SHOULD  
NOT BE WORN  
ON TROUSERS

UNIFORM OF EXPLORERS IN POSTS