

Troop 97 Uniform

The troop newsletter shows which activities require uniform. We typically wear full uniform to most non-winter campouts, to most troop meetings, and whenever we are in the public eye. For most summer troop meetings, we wear T97 T-shirt instead of standard shirt, but Scouts will need both "full" uniform plus T97 T-shirt at summer camp.

- We encourage you **NOT** to use the '**Badge Magic**' adhesive kits, which tend to look ratty after the first washing and can damage fabrics.
- **DON'T** buy **T-shirts** or **hats** at the Scout Store for uniform wear. **NONE** of these are T97 uniform options!

Note on footwear—Wear footwear with soles suitable for running and playing. **NO flip-flops, sandals, or 'croc's'**.

Terminology

- **"Class A" ('full') uniform**—Worn most of the time: BSA tan shirt with appropriate insignia & T97 neckerchief; BSA shorts/pants & BSA belt; BSA socks; T97 hat; merit badge sash on formal events.
- **"Class B" ('summer') uniform**—Worn at most summer activities; same as Class A **except** Scouts wear a T97 T-shirt.

Uniform Checklist

From the Scout Store or T97 Uniform Exchange

- ☐ **BSA short-sleeved, tan-colored shirt**—Available as left-over-right buttoning or right-over-left buttoning.
- ☐ **BSA dark forest-green shorts or 'Switchback' pants** (with zip-off legs)—Shorts are acceptable year-round. Long pants can be worn in fall/winter/spring. Pant legs should be hemmed by folding & sewing inside the leg with no cuff. Girls can wear any boys or girls options. *Although optional, we do NOT recommend girls 'roll-up' pants or 'skorts'.*
- ☐ **BSA belt & buckle**
- ☐ **BSA dark forest-green 'CoolMax' socks**—Either the low-cut socks or the crew socks are OK. Note that socks ARE a part of the uniform.
- ☐ **BSA merit badge sash**—Merit badges are sewn 3 across. Sash goes over the **RIGHT** shoulder and **LEFT** hip.
- ☐ **Adventure West Council shoulder patch**—top of left sleeve.
- ☐ **World Scout crest**—usually comes pre-sewn above left pocket about midway between top of pocket and shoulder seam.

Uniform Checklist (continued)

From the Troop

- ☐ **T97 hat** (free)—Wearing a hat is usually optional, but if a hat is worn, only the Troop 97 hat is allowed.
- ☐ **T97 neckerchief & slide** (free, presented on first campout with the troop).
- ☐ **BSA dark green shoulder loops** (free).
- ☐ **Special one-piece numeral 97** (free)—below and touching the Adventure West Council patch.
- ☐ **Nametag** (free)—Ordered a couple times/year by the troop. Sew immediately above the BSA or BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA embroidered lettering above the right pocket.
- ☐ **Patrol medallion** (free)—below and touching the US flag.
- ☐ **"Journey to Excellence" (quality troop) badge** (free)—below and touching the patrol medallion (leave a 2-inch gap between the flag & the "JTE" patch if you don't yet have a patrol medallion). Note that the JTE patch is always one year behind the current year, so for 2025, the 2024 patch is current.
- ☐ **Badge of Rank** (free)—Wear only the current rank, centered on left pocket.
- ☐ **Arrow of Light patch**—immediately below left pocket (if earned in Cub Scouts).
- ☐ **T97 T-shirt**—2 recommended for camp.
- ☐ **T97 fleece jacket** (optional)—stays warm & works well in light rain.

Unacceptable Items (applies to everyone on any Scout activity)—BSA policy forbids wearing any garment that displays pictures or messages that are inappropriate to youth activities. These include items with "adult" or sexual content or foul language, racial/ethnic/religious/etc stereotypes or slurs, political messages or slogans, or anything displaying the name or image of alcohol, smoking/vaping, or marijuana products.



Official Uniform Options Troop 97 BSA



Each troop selects from among the many BSA uniform options. Here are details about Troop 97's options.



right sleeve

left sleeve



right pocket

left pocket

Uniform Insignia

Troop 97 Standard ("Class A" or "Full") Uniform



T97 **hat** (optional, but only the T97 hat may be worn)

Official BSA tan **shirt** and T97 **neckerchief** with your choice of **slide** (optional **girls' shirt** on right)

Official BSA **trousers** with official BSA **belt** (optional **girls' roll-up pants** on right)

OR

Official BSA **shorts** with official BSA **belt** (optional **girls' shorts** on right)

Official BSA ankle or low-cut **socks** with any rugged, non-slip, closed-toe footwear

NO sandals!
NO flip-flops!
NO Crocs!

Note that girls can wear the same items as the boys.
Girls can also get specific girls' shirts, shorts, or capri-style roll-up pants.

Troop 97 Summer ("Class B") Uniform

same as "Class A" uniform except Troop 97 T-shirt instead of tan dress shirt



T97 **T-shirt** or any T97 **trek polo shirt**