

SCOUTS-L

**INSIGNIA AND
UNIFORMING**

From mfbowman Sat Jul 16 01:51:51 1994
Date: Sat, 16 Jul 1994 01:32:06 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: Tote'n'Chip & Firem'n'Chit Patches
To:
 SCOUTS-L Youth Groups Discussion List <SCOUTS-L%TCUBVM.BITNET@PUCC.PRINCETON.EDU>

Could BSA be in the process of making Tote'n'Chip & Firem'n Chit Patches Official? The Scout Shop (staffed and operated by the National Supply Service) at the National Capital Area Council carries not only both patches, but two different Tote'n'Chip patches -- one with red border and one with white border. Of course, I had to ask and was informed that the company making the patches for BSA, yes BSA, had made a mistake, but that the patches were being sold because of collector interest! The patches also show the fleur-de-les, which as you know can't legally be used on a patch without BSA permission. I've seen the same patches for sale in New Hampshire, San Diego, and in the Midwest over the years. I wonder whether we may be about to see a change. For those of you who are interested in buying one to see what it looks like, call the Scout Shop at 301-564-1092. They accept all major credit cards and do mail orders inside NCAC, so its worth a try to see if they'll mail to you, as well.

On the more serious side, I have to agree that we must set the example on uniforming. Unfortunately, I've seen a lot of professionals with patches set more to whim than the rules in the Insignia Guide, even saw one bright new ADE with four temporary patches, one on each pocket and one above each pocket, no CSP, and a name plate on the left side. Oh well. We try to avoid confrontation and instead use the game of "What's wrong with this picture" in training and roundtables to develop peer pressure. We bring a uniform with the most frequent problems we've seen worked into a hilariously outrageous uniform and ask for help in figuring out what's wrong and what to do about it. Usually these leaders pass on what they thought was really funny and the word gets around.

Re: Mike Walton's comment on the knots: He's more than right to be a little miffed at the "knot shavers". The most recent Insignia Control Guide and the various leader books all say that the limit is five medals (no mention of knots being limited) and that knots can be worn in rows of three. No where does BSA state a limit. In fact, when there was more

room for explanations in the older "Official Uniforms and Insignia" booklet, BSA specifically stated that a Scouter could wear as many knots as earned with the proviso that the same knot could not be worn twice, instead the wearer was and is to use the miniature pins to indicate the program areas where multiples of the same knot have been earned.

From: mfbowman Tue Jul 19 22:55:17 1994
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Mike,

In the discussion on the Tote'n Chip patch, I seem to recall a statement that the right pocket flap was reserved exclusively for O-A flap patches. Well, its almost exclusive. The Firecrafter flap patch can also be worn in that location. Firecrafters is an organization dating back to 1920 and now nearly dead. At one time it rivaled O-A in membership and was the honor camper organization in several Midwestern Councils. Now, I think its pretty well confined to Crossroads of America Council and maybe one or two others. Firecrafters has four ranks -- Camper, Woodsman, Firecrafter, and Menisino. To become a firecrafter you had to be able to build a fire by friction (the old bow method) among other camping skills. Rank patches were round navy blue with a red C for camper; a red C and yellow teepee for woodsman; a red C, red fire, and yellow teepee for firecrafter and an M superimposed on the firecrafter patch for Menisino. Usedto be each District had an Ember Flap Patch. Apparently these old ember patches are worth somewhere around \$700 - \$900 apiece today or so I

was told when an old firecrafter saw one on my uniform at National Jamboree. Needless to say I was surprised. Now there are simply single flap patches for the Council organization. As time passes this organization will probably melt into history and be no more. There is or was also another honor Scout organization out of Kansas with a flap patch. I've lost track of the name over time. If it still has survived, it to shares the right pocket flap spot. Just thought you might enjoy this bit of trivia and history.

I finally got a decoder and your flap looks great. As soon as I dig out the checkbook, I'll be sending in an order for a few. I think there's a good chance that one of my uniforms will be somewhat unofficial upon

receipt. I'm going to pass out copies of your E-mail with the decoded patch at our Commissioner's meeting to 20 deputy and assistant commissioners in our district, most of whom play around with E-mail. That should spawn a few orders.

How was NOAC? As a Purdue Alum, I was really sorry I could not go.

Yours in Scouting, Michael F. Bowman, a/k/a Professor Beaver
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Date: Fri, 15 Jul 1994 23:10:07 -0500
From: John Macko <AKM97@UNO.CC.GENESEO.EDU>
Subject: Tote'n'Chip & Firem'n'Chit Patches
X-To: scouts-l@tcubvm.bitnet
To: Multiple recipients of list SCOUTS-L <SCOUTS-L%TCUBVM.BITNET@PUCC.PRINCETON.EDU>

Alan R. Houser and Robert P. Stawicki mention patches in addition to the standard cards. I've never seen the patches. Our council doesn't have them. Where do you get them?

YiS,

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Date: Wed, 20 Jul 1994 13:19:14 -0600
From: Jim Carter - HCI Project <hci@SKDAD.USASK.CA>
Subject: Re: Hat "brushes"
To: Multiple recipients of list SCOUTS-L <SCOUTS-L%TCUBVM.BITNET@PUCC.PRINCETON.EDU>

Various countries still use leaders hat plumes to denote position in Scouting leadership. (e.g. Australia currently uses ones with plastic rather than metal bases). Canada ended using them in 1968. Until then the basic composition was a metal base plus usually only one color of bristle (however multi-color combinations of bristles were in use earlier).

There were three bases:

- Cubs
- Scouts
- Rovers

The main colors were:

- Assistant Leader: red bristle
- Leader: green bristle
- District Scouter: white bristle
- Commissioner: purple bristle (always worn with Scout base)

Additionally the Deputy Chief Scout of Canada prior to 1968 wore a Scout base with red, green, and yellow bristles (representing the three original sections of Rovers, Scouts, and Cubs respectively)

There was also a set of four Sea Scout Leader Hat badges (one per color).

In England and Australia use(d) the same color coding but introduced a yellow bristle for Group level Service Scouters.

Various people have spare plumes, but I'm all out. "Fair market value" is about \$25 for a metal based Cub or Scout Leader or Assistant Leader plume.

*** With this reply I signoff for about a month of vacation. ***

Jim Carter

Date: Wed, 20 Jul 1994 23:11:00 EST
From: Scott Begin <0005555440@MCIMAIL.COM>
Subject: Incorrect Uniforms

Last week, Mike Walton, toward the end of one of his posts, mentioned that he follows BSA Uniforming specs with two exceptions: the OA lodge flap and the number Knots above the left pocket.

>From what I've heard, either from this list or other official sounding sources (meaning I haven't looked it up:), that you are only supposed to wear 2 rows (6 knots) on your uniform. I believe Mike was referring to the fact that he wears 4 rows (12 knots) on his shirt.

Mike, I would like to know what the problem with your OA flap is that it isn't to spec.

Now before we get on Mike for incorrect uniforming too much, I would like to say that occasionally, I have unofficial additions or incorrect display of my insignia. Everything sewed on is correctly placed. One "no-no" is that I have a temporary patch sewed on the pockets and that I will wear my Philmont Staff patch from the button. I haven't seen the reference, but I'm told that you can only wear one temporary insignia at a time, wether it is sewed or hanging. I usually only wear the staff patch for special occasions (due to how valuable it is, most often I wear the gold border one from the 50th anniversary).

For those interested, one uniform has a Philmont Staff Association Patch on it (FDL on it, so it's official). The other uniform has an Alpha Phi Omega patch displaying the fraternity badge. There is no BSA copyright on it, but it is OK as a temp insignia.

My second sin is the shoulder loops. Most of the time I wear Red (as I pay my money to register as an ASM). However, I have 3 sets of leather loops that have a design stamped on them. One set is a Philmont Bull, the second set is a Scout Sign, and the third is an OA Indian Head (red & white). I wear them on special occasions only, and always along side of the red BSA ones. In realistic terms, there is no proper way to wear the things. All three sets were a gift from the HandiCraft director at Camp Rota-Kiwan, Dick Paxson, who I worked with for 2 years.

For those who haven't seen the loops, they were created several years ago after Bill Breyfogle, the nature director from Rota talked about someone at camp school who wore different unofficial loops on his

uniform each day. It was determined that leather ones could be made easily, and it wasn't long before stamps were being placed on them. When I went to Rota in 1991, they were all the rage, with most staff having a set, and all the kids wanting to make them. The ones I have have the design painted, with a brown dyed 1/4" strip on the edge. The rest of the loop is natural leather (mine have been out so seldom, that the color is still pink, as opposed to the tan color leather turns from exposure). The underside has the year and Dick's monogram stamped into them.

The only other potential complaint about insignia someone could make is the name tag I have on my Jac-shirt. It is leather and hangs from the right pocket (I don't know if there is a proper place for a name tag on a jacket). I have a Scout tenderfoot badge stamp, a diamond jubilee stamp, and a leatherwork tools stamp on the front (in addition to my name), and a bar P crazy S (Philmont Cattle Brand) branded into the back.

Now before someone razzes me about being too perfect, I have very little on my uniform compared to others with 17 years in the program (stating a fact, not complaining), and I am wearing everything I am entitled to. On the left sleeve, I have Calumet Council strip, 25 year veteran unit bar (one uniform only), unit number (#348), Assistant Scoutmaster patch (one uniform has new tan, one has old green), and a Trained Emblem. On the right sleeve, I have a US flag. On the left side, I have a world crest and 3 service stars (#6 on blue as a leader, #7 on green as a scout, #3 on yellow as a cub). On the right side, I have a 1985 Jamboree patch (sewed high enough so I can display a name tag and still see the BSA strip), a name tag (I use several different ones, depending upon situation, including my BSA standard one {FDL, first & last name}, my Philmont issue one {first & last name}, and my Alpha Phi Omega name tag {APO crest, first and last name, APO Chapter Name}), my Michigamea Lodge ordeal member flap, and a temporary patch (described above).

I have wool Jac-shirt tha contains the nametag described above, the BSA Jacket emblem on the left pocket, a Philmont bull above the right pocket, and a 1985 Jamboree jacket patch on the rear. On my red windbreaker, I have a Jacket emblem on the left breast and a Philmont Jacket emblem on the rear.

I take pride in my uniforms, especially in the fact that with the exception of jamboree patch on one shirt, everything is was sewed on by

hand by me (Mom didn't like the sewing job on the jamboree patch and re-sewed it while I was at college:). It probably took me 10 hours to sew the patches on the shirt I bought a month ago, but my mom would be proud (I've gotten better through experience, with very even stitches). I'm thinking about making it a scoutmaster's minute at an upcoming meeting, especially since I spent several meetings working on the shirt.

Some food for thought....

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Date: Thu, 21 Jul 1994 05:48:04 -0400 (EDT)
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Subject: Re: Incorrect Uniforms
To: SCOUTS-L Youth Groups Discussion List <SCOUTS-L%TCUBVM.BITNET@PUCC.PRINCETON.EDU>
cc: Multiple recipients of list SCOUTS-L <SCOUTS-L%TCUBVM.BITNET@PUCC.PRINCETON.EDU>

Scott,

The rumor persists among many volunteers that you are only allowed to wear two rows of three knots. But it just isn't based on fact. The most recent Insignia Control Guide and the various leader books all say that the limit is five medals (no mention of knots being limited) and that knots can be worn in rows of three. No where does BSA state a limit. In fact, when there was more room for explanations in the older "Official Uniforms and Insignia" booklet (1974 and earlier editions), BSA specifically stated that a Scouter could wear as many knots as earned with the proviso that the same knot could not be worn twice, instead the wearer was and is to use the miniature pins to indicate the program areas where multiples of the same knot have been earned.

Now if BSA wanted to state a limit, it could do so just as easily as it has done with the number of medals that can be worn. However, BSA has not elected to state a limit on the number of knots worn. And if practice is any indicia, you only need to take a look at the number of knots worn by those with gold tabs on the various national committees to see that the accepted practice continues to be just as in 1974 and earlier -- to wear all of the knots earned.

BSA has attempted to balance healthy recognition of achievement and service in uniform insignia with a desire to avoid comic clutter. Can you imagine a uniform sporting a dozen or so medals? That presents quite a different picture from three or four rows of neatly sewn knots.

We also have a few around our area that insist the limit is six knots, but they just don't have a leg to stand on. It strikes me that these critics usually only have one to six knots and weren't members as kids (e.g. didn't earn the Arrow of Light, Eagle or a religious emblem as a youth and thus don't have a row of knots from youth), which leads me to

believe they want to see others wear less so they don't feel bad about the number of their own knots. I know of one fellow who was very vocal on this point until he finally was presented with the District Award of Merit (his seventh knot, which he promptly sewed on his uniform) -- seems that he developed a new understanding of the rules shortly thereafter.

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 1994 09:46:40 -0500
From: Kathie Cerveny <kathie@DELTA.EECS.NWU.EDU>
Subject: Re: Incorrect Uniforms

Mike,

> The rumor persists among many volunteers that you are only allowed to
> wear two rows of three knots. ---deleted--
No where does BSA state a limit. ----deleted

It was NOT a rumor 20 years and 15 years ago - it was fact. However, these "veteran" scouters (and new adult scouter who don't look it up, just follow what they see), don't tend to read the Insignia control guide every year and they do not keep up to date.

But, for your information and others -----this was not a rumor, it was indeed a fact, within my scouting tenure --- but it has been long gone -- there is no limit on knots.

Kathie

Date: Thu, 21 Jul 1994 21:53:35 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: Incorrect Uniforms
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Kathie,

Your message prompted me to go through my library and look at what I could find on the subject of knots. Here's what I found:

20 years ago BSA issued a booklet called "Official Uniforms and Insignia." It was a predecessor to the Insignia Control Guide of latter years. In the 1974 guide, it explicitly states that a Scout Leader could wear as many knots as earned. The Insignia Control Guides and Scoutmaster Handbooks that I have (covering almost every year between 1974 and the present) simply state that knots are worn in rows of three and don't impose any limits.

When I sent the message, I was unaware that there had ever been any such rule put to print. However, your message intrigued me because of your strong feeling that there had been a rule. Well, I dug a little deeper onto the back shelves and found that the Scoutmaster Handbook Copyright 1959, 1970 printing, did impose a limit of five knots or medals in clear language. However in the 1972 Scoutmaster Handbook that limit was removed.

The best I can tell is that the limit disappeared 22 years ago. Maybe this teaches us that there are a number of folks that remember what they hear and what is passed down from other respected leaders. As you have stated they simply don't bother to update themselves. I think that we want to encourage adult leaders to wear training knots, knots representing awards earned as a youth, etc. This in turn encourages youth members to want to earn similar awards. I know that in my son's troop, knots are extremely coveted by the scouts.

I have to second your advice that we as Scouters must set the example and that the single authoritative source on uniforming and insignia is the Insignia Control Guide for the BSA.

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Date: Fri, 22 Jul 1994 15:59:39 CST
From: "Settummanque, the blackeagle" <waltoml@WKUVX1.WKU.EDU>
Subject: Re: Al "knot"ted up

Freemason@AOL.COM writes:

>I've been out about a month, out of town and out of touch. Took me a week to
>wade through the Digested SCOUTS-L, and the threads were all fascinating.
> This thread is near and dear to my heart (correct uniforming), and I
>couldn't resist tossing my hat in the ring.

I thought you would, Randy! Great to have you back here!!

>I thought Mike's comments regarding local custom on limiting knots was quite
>interesting. Actually, if my reliable sources (souses?) are correct, the
>limitation to five knots was lifted in 1970, when a major revision in uniform
>and insignia practice in BSA was promulgated (the 1970 Uniform and Insignia
>Guide is the only one I _don't_ have for basically the past 40 years, and I
>recall when it came out that it took two errata sheets to correct).
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>I think that the number of knots is strictly up to the wearer, provided that
>duplicate knots are not worn. IMHBCO, BSA could have avoided the entire Cub
>Leader Recognition knot series (six knots last count) if they would have
>stuck to the earlier practice of miniature devices on the Scouter's Key and
>Training Award knots and medals (practice discontinued in 1988 except for
>"grandfathered" awards), rather than the pendants, (now I'm gonna hear from
>every Cub leader out there who has earned the "new" awards, but that's OK
>too). The knots are pretty colorful, but someone who has put in enough time
>to earn all the Cub Leader program awards looks like some military general
>parading around.

The reason why the Cub Scout Division abandoned the age-old Scouters'

Training Award and Scouters' Key awards is because since the Cub Scouting program has expanded so much over the years, that not only do Den Leaders and Assistants and Den Leader Coaches needed to be recognized, but also those WEBELOS Den Leaders and Assistants, the Tiger Cub Organizers, and even those on the Pack Committee and those parents that help out but don't or can't serve as primary leaders. I agree that they may have went overboard with trying to recognize EVERYONE, but they are hoping that the increased recognition would spill over into new Boy Scout and Varsity leaders later on.

(for those not familiar, the BSA for many years had a set of four training awards for Cub Scouting leaders, each with a medal and a square knot. The Cubmaster Key was earned like the Scoutmaster Key. The Den Leader Training Award is for the Den Leaders and Assistants, no matter what age group; the Den Leader Coach Training Award was only given to those Den Leader Coaches; and the Scouter's Training Award could be earned by all other Cub Scouters, no matter if they are in a unit or a part of the District's Roundtable staff. In 1986 or 88 (I forget now), the Cub Scout Program Division successfully twisted the arms of the Uniform and Insignia Committee and created NEW pendant-type awards instead of medals (because of a lot of objections by female Cub leaders) and new separate awards for the WEBELOS Den Leaders and assistants, Tiger Cub Coaches, and Pack Committee members and registered parents at the District and unit levels.)

>38??? Discounting local overhand knots, the only knots not in the 32 shown in

>the Scoutmaster's Handbook to my knowledge, are the Tiger Coach Award and the

>James West Fellowship. Could you elaborate, Mike?

There are (in my copy of the Scoutmaster's Handbook) 29 square knots illustrated in color on pages 244 and 245. Additionally, there is now a square knot for the Hornaday Award (looks like the Eagle except the red parts are green); the Tiger Coach Award (black and orange); the James West Fellowship (I forgot what it looked like); the Ranger Award (brown knot on khaki); the Ace Award (dark blue and red ropes on khaki or sky blue); the early version of the Silver Award (red and gold ropes on dark blue background); the previous version of the Cub Scouter Award which was called the Den Leader Coach Training Award (we had an earlier "trivial trivia" in which the question was raised "which square knot is the ONLY one which can be worn TWICE to

represent TWO DISTINCTIVELY DIFFERENT AWARDS?", which the answer was the Cub Scouter Award (the present use) and the Den Leader Coach Award (the older one); and the Youth Leadership in America Award (which presently is the top silver bar with the lettering "Leadership").

Now, in recounting...I come up with 37 (oops! Never was good with the math! Sorry. There are 37 presently unless I missed one someplace).

- >It still goes back to what is in good taste. Some of us who have been in the
- >program since the dark ages like to be technically correct "christmas trees",
- >while others like to go the minimalist route. Either one is OK by me, if the
- >insignia are correctly worn.

(deletion on personal uniforming options...)

- >Lest some of you take issue with my wearing obsolete uniforming (khaki
- >shirts) & insignia (pre-fdl OA flaps & Project SOAR pp), remember: once
- >legal, always legal, unless specifically proscribed in the Insignia Control
- >Guide.

Amen.

Settummanque!

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Date: Fri, 22 Jul 1994 19:03:46 -0400 (EDT)
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Subject: Re: Incorrect Uniforms

Nathan,

I was a Scouter in Sagamore Council, just North of Central Indiana Council in 1969, but worked on the summer camp staffs in Central Indiana Council in 1970 and 1971. While it is true that as an O-A member there were no patches for you to wear on the right flap, National had authorized the wearing of Firecrafter Ember patches on that pocket flap. Each District of CIC had an Ember similar to an OA Lodge Chapter. No doubt you know from living in the Indianapolis area that Firecrafters was the Scout honor campers organization until the mergers brought OA into the Crossroads of America Council. As I understand it now the Ember flaps have passed into history in favor of a Council Firecrafter's Flap Patch.

I still where my old Ember Patch instead of an OA Flap on one uniform - I am still a Firecrafter, as well as Vigil member of our Lodge.

I'd be interested in hearing how Crossroads of America handles two similar organizations these days.

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Date: Sat, 23 Jul 1994 21:56:29 -0400 (EDT)
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Subject: Re: Al "knot"ted up

Randy,

A good source for old insignia is:

**The Stevensons
316 Sage
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817-354-8903**

For \$10.00 you can subscribe to their monthly catalogue of Scout memorabilia for sale. I just acquired a new 50th Anniversary strip from them that was in excellent shape for \$4.00 to replace my old one that was much deteriorated from use. >From time to time they advertise knots and ribbons no longer extant. In May they had an Explorer Silver Award Medal with ribbon for \$300 and the square knot for \$100. Ouch! You're right about the prices. But what can you do when its rare and in demand?

Every

once in a while I check in with the Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul, and Goodwill stores - you'd be surprised at the old Scout stuff that turns up. Just purchased a 1981 NJ Mug for \$.50 for example.

Someone else earlier was looking for hat brushes - they (The Stevensons) have a few for sale in their July catalogue. The hat brush holder runs \$4.00. Japanese Brushes run to \$20 ea.

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Date: Sat, 23 Jul 1994 22:13:23 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: Al "knot"ted up

Ian,

You questioned why the interest in wearing so many knots, especially the ones earned as a youth. If I were restricted to three knots, those youth awards would be the ones I would pick; e.g. Eagle, Religious Emblem, and Arrow of Light. Why? Because it encourages the Scouts to want to earn the same award. When they see an adult wearing the award and realize that they too can wear the same award (and there are only a few instances where achievement awards are worn on both youth and adult uniforms), they seem to strive for them. Over the years I've observed many Scouts express the most joy over an award that allows them to wear a knot. To them it signals a step towards adulthood and recognition of their progress in moving from adolescence to adult status.

As to the other knots, I think if we're honest we all like a little recognition and that tends to lead to longer tenured leaders. If wearing knots helps, I'm all for it. In my own case, I'm a trainer in several BSA program areas and they kind of serve as a set of credentials and often an introduction to adult recognition that new leaders are not familiar with. So long as it helps either with encouraging youth advancement and achievement or in building tenured leaders, I'm all for it.

Do we do it to impress people? I can't speak for the group, but in our area the answer is more often than not a simple "no." Many veteran Scouters in our area don the knots only after encouragement to promote advancement, tenure, awareness of recognition awards in units, etc. Some of these same Scouters are a bit embarrassed at first to wear them, because they came into the program to help youth and weren't looking to glorify themselves. Usually they only wear the knots when they realize that it can help the program, not out of self-esteem.

As an sideline we also wear them because others want us to impress other Scouts and Scouters. I've been invited to participate in Eagle Courts of Honor and other ceremonies and many times requested to wear a uniform with all the badges legal to wear instead of a working uniform less bedecked.

Usually this comment is followed with something along the lines of we want a really decorated Scouter to do this part of the program to emphasize just how important this or that is.

For my part it would be a lot simpler to assemble a uniform with only the minimum of insignia, because I'm the one with needle punctures in my fingers from trying to sew it on. If I thought the only purpose for wearing knots was to impress others, I'd start pulling the threads and take 'em off.

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**From: Ian Ford <ianford@dircon.co.uk>
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Subject: Re: Al "knot"ted up
Date: Sun, 24 Jul 94 14:28:02 BST**

Dear Michael :

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**I agree to some extent. As you probably know, I am helping out a BSA unit
in**

**London after thirty years in British Scouting. I was amazed at all the knots
and doo-dahs around Leader Training in BSA. In UK you have three years
to**

**earn your Wood Badge, and that is the <only> emblem of a " Trained "
leader.**

**I wear my BSA Scouter Training Award together with the two ribbons I
earned**

**as a British Scouter - the 15 Year Long Service Decoration and the Medal of
Merit (roughly equivalent to the District Award of Merit in BSA). I also
wear the International Activity patch on my shirt pocket. My red jacket
also**

**has the Philmont Bull, because I did my BSA Wood Badge at Philmont and
had a**

**fantastic time. On occasions I wear the pin for the Chief Scout's Award, the
highest Scout section award in UK. I justify this by the " awards from other
Scout Associations should be worn when in that country " (or words to
that**

effect) from " Advancement Guidelines.

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I am on the District Boy Scout Training team, so it seemed appropriate to wear the Scouter Training Award. Likewise, I sometimes get the impression that some of the American leaders wonder what a Brit knows about " their " program, although they are usually too polite to say so outright. So when it is clear that I have taken the trouble to re-train to BSA standards it does help to set my " credentials ".

I also feel it important that boys and parents should see that Leaders too have to undertake training.

I wear my British knots to symbolise my links with both programs. I often get Leaders come up who want to know what they are, and this leads to a chat about international Scouting and our various programs.

I guess it's partly the difference between living in a country where " abroad " will soon be a two hour train ride, and one where it can take you two days to drive across just one state, but I feel that too often the " international dimension " of Scouting is missing for many BSA members. Some of the posts here seem to betray a lack of understanding of the world Scouting organisation, and the different ways in which different nations set about achieving the same ideals of duty to God, country and one's fellow-man.

Thanks for the comments.

IAN

Date: Sun, 24 Jul 1994 09:44:06 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: Al "knot"ted up
To: Ian Ford <ianford@dircon.co.uk>

Dear Ian,

Enjoyed your response. Sounds like we're not all that different in approach.

Regarding International aspects of Scouting, our District serves 6000 youth members with nearly 200 units. We've established six Deputy District Commissioner billets in addition to the 13 Assistant District Commissioners serving service areas. One of those Deputy District Commissioners is for International Scouting. His job is explicitly to promote International Scouting.

One of our groups was featured in Scouter magazine for their joint canoe trip with Russian Scouts in Siberia. We regularly encourage units to take part in international events. Hundreds of our Scouts at some point will visit embassy programs on Scouting in places such as Mexico, Canada, etc. We even have two Canadian Scouters on our District Committee. Last year we had a U.K. Queen's Scout on our District Camporee Staff. The kids loved listening to his stories and fairly well idolized him after he taught campfire songs from the U.K. at the main campfire with over 1200 Scouts in attendance.

We probably will have at least half a dozen or so of our Wood Badge folks visit Gilwell Park in a given year.

We probably benefit from the international community here in Washington, D.C. In many of our units we have Scouts from countries all around the globe.

We probably are a bit atypical because of where we are. But the BSA is moving towards more international emphasis. In Wood Badge training we have time devoted to learning how to help leaders understand they are part of the International Brotherhood of Scouting. BSA monthly themes for Cub Scouts now regularly include International flavor.

On the other hand, I'm still miffed that the Supply Service doesn't carry

the International Scouting Flag. To get one, we have to order it from the Canadian Scouts in Ottawa.

Shifting the subject slightly, is my understanding correct that the Wood Badge neckerchief in the U.K. is larger than the standard for BSA? If so, how would one go about acquiring one?

In closing, I too wish that there was more of international flavor across the board in BSA across the country. It truly enriches the Scouting experience for young Scouts.

Mike

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Date: Sun, 24 Jul 1994 15:09:37 EDT
From: Freemason@AOL.COM
Subject: Adult Recognition Philosophies

On Sat, 23 Jul 1994 16:55:30 +100 Ian Ford <ianford@DIRCON.CO.UK> wrote:

>IMHO the issue with adult uniform is setting an example for the boys, so
>the uniform should be correct. Personally I can't see the point in
>wearing " antique " uniforms or outdated awards unless for a very special
>occasion, e.g. a pageant or show to commemorate a special anniversary. By
>all means keep them as souvenirs.

Ian, I think that if you re-read my posting on the old khaki uniforms, you will find that I do keep these old uniforms for only special occasions, such as scout shows, Eagle Courts and District/Council dinners. The former allow me to provide a little history to the boys, while the latter are adults-only events, usually made up of veterans of many years in Scouting, who share an appreciation for the history. Considering the high sentimental, as well as monetary, value of these shirts (actually the patches on them in the US), I would be foolish to do otherwise. Yes, they do make great souvenirs, and what went behind them will always be dear in my heart.

>Likewise, why wear all those knots ? I can understand that a Scouter may
>wish to wear the Eagle Scout knot, but the Arrow of Light gained at
>eleven ... is that <really> relevant ? Likewise, why not wear the
>highest award in each category rather than the whole string ?
>I guess what I am saying is who are we trying to impress here ?

>IAN

On Sat, 23 Jul 1994 22:13:23 -0400 "Michael F. Bowman"
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wrote on the same subject:

>Ian,

>You questioned why the interest in wearing so many knots, especially the
>ones earned as a youth. If I were restricted to three knots, those youth
>awards would be the ones I would pick; e.g. Eagle, Religious Emblem, and
>Arrow of Light. Why? Because it encourages the Scouts to want to earn

>the same award. When they see an adult wearing the award and realize that
>they too can wear the same award (and there are only a few instances where
>achievement awards are worn on both youth and adult uniforms), they seem
>to strive for them. Over the years I've observed many Scouts express the
>most joy over an award that allows them to wear a knot. To them it
>signals a step towards adulthood and recognition of their progress in
>moving from adolescence to adult status.

I would echo that sentiment. I attended a troop meeting in my role as Unit Commissioner, and was stopped by a boy who wanted to know what some of the items on it meant. He was impressed by three items: the OA flap, the Commissioner's Arrowhead, and the knots for awards earned when I was a youth.

He was quite pleased to know that there were little pieces of cloth which denoted something the man standing before him earned as a boy - it made me more reachable to him, because he realized that I had experiences similar to his when I was young. I would therefore say that something as simple as a piece of embroidered cloth can be the very bridge needed between a boy and man.

>As to the other knots, I think if we're honest we all like a little
>recognition and that tends to lead to longer tenured leaders. If wearing
>knots helps, I'm all for it. In my own case, I'm a trainer in several BSA
>program areas and they kind of serve as a set of credentials and often an
>introduction to adult recognition that new leaders are not familiar with.
>So long as it helps either with encouraging youth advancement and
>achievement or in building tenured leaders, I'm all for it.

In the US, most of us feel like we need the "pat on the back", as it were, to let someone know that they are doing a good job. If someone is trained, has the appropriate tenure in a job, and their performance has been measured and found to pass muster, then by all means recognize that effort by giving the deserved recognition! The knots (and the appendant medals) let other scouters know that the wearer has experienced the same efforts and pains they themselves are suffering within the tasks

they are trying to carry out. It can open a dialog between a less experienced Scouter and his/her more experienced counterpart.

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>because they came into the program to help youth and weren't looking to
>glorify themselves. Usually they only wear the knots when they realize
>that it can help the program, not out of self-esteem.

Yeah, I remember my Dad being a little self-conscious when he first wore his Scouter's Key knot - he felt the program was for the boys. After he got into Cub Scout Leader training, this changed somewhat, because the new trainees saw his "resume" on his chest - most had been in long enough to realize those little patches meant something.

I think that most of us wear those knots for that reason as well - they tend to be our "Scouting resumes". It lets others know of our experience and performance, and should also be an advertisement to those less experienced Scouters that here is an available resource for ideas to help the program in their own units, from someone who is willing to dish out those ideas, once asked.

IMHBCO, the last point is the most important - the wearer of the knot is obligated to share his/her experiences when asked. This point is too often missed in the great knot debate.

>As an sideline we also wear them because others want us to impress other
>Scouts and Scouters. I've been invited to participate in Eagle Courts of
>Honor and other ceremonies and many times requested to wear a uniform
with
>all the badges legal to wear instead of a working uniform less bedecked.
>Usually this comment is followed with something along the lines of we
want
>a really decorated Scouter to do this part of the program to emphasize
>just how important this or that is.

>For my part it would be a lot simpler to assemble a uniform with only the
>minimum of insignia, because I'm the one with needle punctures in my
>fingers from trying to sew it on. If I thought the only purpose for
>wearing knots was to impress others, I'd start pulling the threads and

>take 'em off.

My most treasured uniform shirt is now my Gilwell shirt, and it is as minimalist as is possible, while still being correct. I would also be stripping badges, if the only thing they meant to me was the inflation of my ego, whether I was impressed with myself, or was trying to lord over others that I knew more than they, how dare they ask me. The badges on my shirt reflects my training and experience in Scouting, and if anyone wants me to share with them what I know, then these badges are my offer to them.

I think that most of us who are active in local events are guilty of violations like the leather loops and other things - heck, at OA functions I wear a large aluminum Vigil triangle inset with a totem of my name. It has no place on my

uniform, it would be officially proscribed, but I only wear it to OA functions (where the symbolism is not lost, and uniform inspections would probably get the inspector thrown in the nearest body of water :->). Again, a great conversation piece, but not kosher to wear at a Council Recognition Dinner (although a group of us in my old home Council who had them did just that!).

I think I would be more tolerant of something like these "incorrect" items in a camp setting, as long as it was uniform within the troop or patrol, was not in bad taste, and in the spirit of having fun. I think that anyone who went through Wood Badge training would appreciate that sentiment!

YiS, WWW,

Randy Spradling

Date: Tue, 26 Jul 1994 02:39:20 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: Tenure Pins, was All "knot"ed up

Susan,

You can order the Insignia Control Guide from the Supply Division by calling 1-800-323-0732 and asking for No. 3064A "Insignia Control Guide". It has a lot of answers, but Mike is right in saying that it doesn't answer all of them.

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Date: Tue, 26 Jul 1994 16:52:15 CST
From: "Settummanque, the blackeagle" <waltoml@WKUVX1.WKU.EDU>
Subject: Re: Tenure Pins, was All "knot"ed up
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THIS is an example of what I speak about many times as using "Scouter Sense". I hope that you don't mind me using your comments as a positive example on how we can "meet the intent of the policy" instead of trying to always meet the "letter of the policy", particularly when the policy was not written well enough to follow flawlessly!

"Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@CAP.GWU.EDU> writes:

(in replying to Susan about wearing the service stars):
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Settummanque!

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"Not speaking for WKU.....but I do speak well!!!"

Date: Wed, 27 Jul 1994 00:00:18 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: Tenure Pins, was All "knot"ed up
To: "Settummanque, the blackeagle" <waltoml@WKUVX1.WKU.EDU>

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Date: Mon, 1 Aug 1994 01:07:21 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: NEW SUBSCRIBER

Frank,

Olan is right, there really aren't any rules on how patches are to be worn on a BSA red patch vest. Here is the sum total of what is said about vests in the Insignia Control Guide at page 6:

"Consider displaying temporary insignia in ways other than on the official uniform. Here are some suggestions:

*** Wear it on a BSA red patch vest, campfire robe or blanket, or special neckerchief. . . ."**

Not a lot of guidance.

Over the years I've seen some Scouts come up with some pretty neat ideas though. Some have arranged patches by types of events or chronologically from some starting point (usually near the heart) like a life story. Others have used patches to create macro designs. One Scout at a National Jamboree had the patches on his back arranged like a cross, because he was a chaplain's aide. Another and my favorite was a Scout who took advantage of the different shapes and sizes to create a fleur-de-leis on his back made of several different patches to show that all the events added up to his Scout experience. I've also seen a whole patrol with the same arrangement of patches. Blankets are pretty interesting too. I went to one Troop's Court of Honor and along the walls each Scout's blanket was displayed - really set a neat tone for the ceremony and Scoutmaster's minute on the trail signs of our lives.

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Date: Tue, 2 Aug 1994 00:22:32 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: GREAT INFO!
To: Scramman@aol.com

Frank,

You're more than welcome. You'll soon find that this List provides a lot of great ideas. I can't begin to tell how many thing I've picked up in just a few months. By the way, look for another posting from me on getting parents involved.

In my other life, I work for the Department of the Navy's Office of General Counsel. So as they say . . . Welcome Aboard.

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Date: Tue, 2 Aug 1994 20:19:25 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: temporary patches

Temporary patches can be placed on the backside of the merit badge sash according to the Insignia Control Guide (See Excess Insignia at p. 4 and illustration on p. 20).

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Date: Tue, 2 Aug 1994 20:23:04 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: NEW SUBSCRIBER

More on the Patch Vest:

BSA has been vague on what is or is not appropriate. As indicated in previous postings, the idea is that it should be used for excess temporary insignia that cannot be worn on the uniform. This suggests that the patches that are appropriate for wear as temporary patches are the same ones that should be on the vest. However, I'm not sure there's much harm in putting on other patches, if they have a relation to a Scouting event. Why not a Six Flags patch, if a unit had a fun day there? On the other hand it may be a bit much to have a vest covered with patches purchased at successive truck stops; e.g. skull and crossed-bones, mega-death, etc. You may want to suggest to the parents that the vest is best used as a display of patches earned in relation to the Scout's Scouting experience. In the long run it will mean a lot more to Scout.

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Date: Sun, 07 Aug 1994 21:56:27 CST
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Subject: Re: Tenure Pins, was All "knot"ed up
To: "Settummanque, the blackeagle" <waltoml@WKUVX1.WKU.EDU>

Mike,

Thanks for getting back on this subject. I think I like William Hillcourt about twice as much before, with that quote. For myself, I'm glad the restriction on order died, and consequently, I just wear them in the order earned - a lot easier on the sewing fingers. I know which ones are important anyway.

I would say have fun at Fort Campbell, but know better. I have too much fun with the Navy every day...

Got the patches yesterday. They look great! Showed one to my S.D.E. (a retired Marine Major) and he launched into a tirade for about fifteen minutes on the evils of such things. When I finally got a word in and explained the donation %, he seemed tranquilized. And who said professionals weren't influenced by money? He's not a bad sort, but he is steeped in doctrine.

Speaking of patches, what about an internet temporary pocket patch with BSA approval?

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Date: Thu, 25 Aug 1994 10:15:46 -0400
From: Larry Rinaldo <lrinaldo@R02DG05.R02.EPA.GOV>
Subject: Eagle Trivia - Basic Question

This may sound a bit silly, but here goes anyway. I know the some of the beginnings of the Scouting movement created by Baden-Powell, and purposes behind it. However, since we all celebrate the accomplishments of a young man by recognizing him as an Eagle, here is the question.

Why the Eagle? This leads me to other questions like: Who chose it? How did it get chosen? Who was the 1st Eagle and when?

The reason I ask is that I have been asked to provide some highlights for an Eagle Court of Honor. Any trivia buffs out there who know this are free to reply to me.

Thanks, I am:

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Date: Sat, 27 Aug 1994 02:52:31 +100
From: Ian Ford <ianford@DIRCON.CO.UK>
Subject: Re: Larry R's Eagle Trivia

On Fri, 26 Aug 1994, Patrick Lam wrote:

- > Larry, you'll find that the Eagle is a rather American thing.
- >
- > I believe that a Scout could become a Queen's Scout in Britain
- > when BP started Scouting. That's also what we had here, until about
- > 1970, and here in Canada we have the Chief Scout's Award (for the
- > Scouts, 11-14), and a Queen's Venturer Award (for Venturers, 14-17).

Actually it was KING'S SCOUT but the same principle applies !

- >
- > It works the same way in the United Kingdom today (unless I'm wrong.
- > please correct me?) except that they call it Chief Scout's / Queen's
- > Scout, and also in Australia. (All being Commonwealth countries).
- >
- > The Chief Scout here is the Governor-General. It's a Canadian thing.

The Chief Scout's Award is the highest award for _ Scouts_ , aged 10 - 15
The Queen's Scout award is the highest award for _ Venture Scouts_ aged
15
- 20. It is possible for a Venture Scout to earn Queen's Scout without
having earned the CSA as a Scout.

- >
- > You'll find that different countries have different recognitions.
- > I also seem to remember that a Scout can earn the Springbuck award (?)
- > in S. Africa. In the Association des Eclaireurs Baden-Powell (a
- > splinter group in Canada), you can be a Scout du Baussant and earn
- > the Ailes de Chevalier (Knights' Wings).

- >
- > It varies. Eagle was probably chosen because you're in America, and
- > it's your national bird.

>
That sounds about right. The BSA system is different in quite a few
respects from that of other Scout organisations , e.g. we in UK do not
have adult-run Boards of Review , everything is peer-assessed.

BSA retains some of the names that B-P introduced - Tenderfoot, Second
Class and First Class. Then came , if I recall correctly, Scout Cords,

Bushman's Thong and Queen's Scout Award , roughly Star, Life and Eagle. The original requirements were base around merit badges , as is still the case in BSA. Over the years the UK program has moved to where each Scout more or less chooses his own route to follow for the higher awards within a framework of alternative requirements.

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From SARGEANT@CUA.EDU Ukn Aug 29 12:48:53 1994
Date: Mon, 29 Aug 1994 12:29:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Eagle Trivia - Basic Question

Jim,

Whenever I have sat with an Eagle Board of Review, the questioning has tended to center on three issues, what the boy has learned from doing the Eagle Project, what the boy's leadership in the troop has taught him, and what the boy planned for his adult life and how scouting has prepared him for that life. These questions we have found help the boy to evaluate where he is in his development and gives the Board an appreciation for the boy's maturity.

I personally do not see the Board of Review to be a test to be passed, as a learning experience in which the boy learns about himself.

Yours in Scouting, Bob Sargeant, DC for GW District, NCAC, BSA. Opinions are mine in the scouting spirit. "The old fox".

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Date: Wed, 31 Aug 1994 01:49:06 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: Den Flags

David,

Many of the Packs that I have visited over the years have found it expedient to buy the standard issue Den Flags from the Supply Service either through the catalog or a Scout Shop. The flags are blue and have the Den number in yellow centered in a yellow diamond. Most Packs present awards on stringers that can be attached to the pole. At the end of the year the awards are passed out to the Scouts as keepsakes and the flag is recycled to a new den, if the den is disbanding. Home-made flags are a rarer sight, but tend to have the virtue of building teamwork during their design and decoration. I wouldn't use a national ensign as a Den flag - its poor flag etiquette. We should be teaching Scouts to give respect to all national ensigns as much as our own. Hope that helps.

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Date: Wed, 31 Aug 1994 02:02:40 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: Den Flags

OOPS! A correction to my last posting on Den Flags. Sorry I was recalling the flags from the Pack where I was Cubmaster, it was a fifty year old Pack and the flags were old issues. The new flags are as Michael Dobson described with the numbers outside the diamond and the appropriate Den symbol in the diamond. See page FR-1 of the current BSA Catalog. The Cub

Scout Flag R11017 retails at \$7.65 and the Webelos Flag R1111r at \$7.75. Den numbers are \$1.45 a pair. Poles are extra.

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Date: Wed, 31 Aug 1994 21:42:17 +100
From: Ian Ford <ianford@DIRCON.CO.UK>
Subject: UK Awards

The present system is UK changed substantially in 1966 from that in "Scouting For Boys". First it is necessary to look at some philosophical differences in the current British program .

1. Age groups : Beaver Scouts (6-8) Cub Scouts (8 - 10.6)
Scouts (Air Scouts, Sea Scouts) (10.0 - 15.6)
Venture (Sea/Air) Scouts (15.0 - 20)

Units <may> be co-ed. Members transfer +/- six months of 10.6 for Cubs > Scouts and +/- six months of 15.6 from Scouts > Venture Scouts.

2. Age related training. A Scout joining as a " direct entrant " does not have to complete the " younger " ranks ; he has to complete two areas, Scoutcraft and Commitment from the preceding awards as a prerequisite for earning the award appropriate to his age.

This a Scout joining at say 13 will start off working for the Explorer Award. A Scout joining at 14 will start off on Chief Scout's Award.

A Scout who falls behind the peer group may be allowed by the PLC to jump to the next award , e.g. if a kid has been sick , had problems at home or other special circumstances he can discontinue the previous award and start afresh at the age-appropriate award. So a kid who is thirteen but not earned Pathfinder can " jump " to Explorer on his 13th birthday <if> the PLC agrees.

SO - The " window " for earning the Chief Scout's Award is age fourteen to sixteen. It is possible to earn it <very soon> after turning fourteen , but usually the PLC will require a substantial of the award to be earned after age fourteen.

There are NO RIGID REQUIREMENTS for CSA , unlike the Eagle Scout which has a set number of well-defined ranks, required MBs , positions filled etc.

----- CHIEF SCOUT'S AWARD -----

The <mimimum> requirements are

Scout Membership badge plus complete the requirements for Scoutcraft & Commitment from previous award levels

From a list of options :

- 4 Adventure**
- 2 Community**
- 1 Scoutcraft**
- 1 Culture**
- 1 Health**
- 1 Commitment**
- 2 others from any of the above groups at Scout's discretion**

Leadership Award - earn three requirements

Proficiency Badge - gain one

Personal project agreed with PLC

The PLC sets the standards for each requirement to suit the individual and local circumstances. In addition they may write their own requirements for each section. Let's say , for example that some British Scouts went to a BSA camp and earned the Paul Bunyan Axman ; the PLC could legitimately count that as a Scoutcraft " write in " for the over-14s.

Clearly this system is very alien to BSA thinking. There are <no> adult boards of review, and certainly no paperwork apart from the Scout's own record card/book. No advancement forms. No cards for proficiency badges (merit badges). No district-registered counselors who must be used. The award is entirely in the hands of the Patrol Leaders Council guided by the SL.

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Venture Scouts

There are two awards - Venture Scout Award and Queen's Scout Award

The Venture Scout Award and Membership award are prerequisites for the QSA.

For the Venture Award the Venture Scout has to complete a number of areas :

Activity / Community Involvement/ Creativity / Independence / International Awareness / Leadership / Outdoors and Environment / Relationships / Values

For the Queen's Scout Award the required areas are :

Community - Training and Involvement / Leadership (either within Scouting or in the community) / Pursuit or Interest / Expedition

Assessment " On completion of the above requirements the Venture Scout must arrange for an informal interview with the District Commissioner to discuss these achievements and future plans. The DC will pass his comments

to the Unit Executive Committee , who will also consult the Venture Scout Leader in making their final decision on making the award. "

[Can you imagine an Eagle Scout candidate having an <informal> interview with the District Commissioner who then makes a <report> to the PLC which they can " consider " together with the " recommendation " from the SM ?]

The actual areas are subjects for the VS to write his (her) own targets. I guess it's rather like writing a Wood Badge ticket , where you choose your own targets within certain headings. May Venture Scouts actually earn their Wood Badge as the " training " requirement for the Queen's Scout award , and then serve as Leaders for the requisite period for the practical requirement. The Queen's Scout Award is seen as an award for young adults and the standards are accordingly very high. Great emphasis is placed on service within the community and the development of skills outside the Unit. Initiative , personal growth , target setting etc. are the key attainments.

The Queen's Scout award is not an award which can be earned by attending classes at camp and so on. This is not to disparage in any way the Eagle Scout Award , but clearly there needs to be a difference in standard between an award which is earned between age fifteen and twenty (and usually takes about three to four years to complete) and an award which can be earned at thirteen or fourteen. The maturity one would expect of an eighteen year old Queen's Scout would be far greater than , say , the "

**position of responsibility " expected of a fourteen year old Eagle Scout.
(You don't get Eagles serving as Scoutmasters for their position of
responsibility !)**

**I would say that a Scout who earns Eagle at sixteen plus probably reaches
the same standard as the Queen's Scout , and the kids who earn it
younger at fourteen or fifteen are probably around the level of the Chief
Scout's Award when one looks at maturity , personal growth and
experience.**

**It is hard to compare Eagle / CSA / QSA because the requirements and
assessment are so different. There are a few kids who have earned both,
e.g. I know of one British boy who lived in the USA , earned his Eagle
Scout award , then the Chief Scout's Award in a British troop. The PLC
had to convert his merit badges and experience, and I believe he only had
to do the Personal Project and learn a slightly different Promise and Law.**

Ian Ford

AGSL 25th Greenwich (Our Lady of Grace) Scout Group

Date: Wed, 28 Sep 1994 06:30:50 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Tiger Cub Uniforming
To: SCOUTS-L Youth Groups Discussion List <SCOUTS-L@TCUBVM.BITNET>

Gina,

The Insignia Control Guide at page 8 pictures the official BSA Tiger Cub Uniforms. For the Scout it is a T-shirt with Tiger Cub iron-on emblem or the orange crew-neck T-shirt. The orange ball cap is optional. The ICG also authorizes Tiger Tracks to be placed on the shirt to recognize participation in group activities. Anything else is not authorized.

When Tiger Cubbing started, BSA introduced several variants in different Councils to find out what worked best. One of my Commissioners has collected at least four different Tiger guides and some Council's had some Tiger Activity patches. Now the only patches available are non-BSA.

Personally I like the patches and know that the boys love 'em. But they're not appropriate as uniform decorations sewn on a T-shirt. A better alternative is to make patch vests similar to the red ones worn by Cubs. Only in this case buy Blaize Orange material. You can use the same pattern or borrow a Brownie vest to use as pattern (heresy - grin). Sew the patches on the orange vest. This teaches proper uniforming, while affording a means of displaying recognition patches. Most of our Tiger Groups use this method successfully and we teach it at training and roundtables. If the Group uses the orange vests, it looks a lot better with a white T-shirt and the iron-on patch (which is less expensive).

On the yellow blouses - I think BSA is gradually moving towards a single type adult uniform slowly. Now Webelos leaders can elect the Khaki and Green, for example. Personally, I think all leaders should have the same uniform. And if it should be Blue and Gold, then why not a male blue and gold uniform - gasp - choke - grin. After all if we now accept that either a male or female parent can be a Den Leader shouldn't their uniforms be the same; e.g. blue and yellow? Grin. Don't take the suggestion too seriously, but it does raise the issue and I think it will eventually be resolved with uniform uniforming in the future.

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Date: Fri, 30 Sep 1994 00:34:53 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: Tiger Cub Uniforming
To: Jim Sleezer <JHS8@VM1.ucc.okstate.edu>

Or better yet - just skip the vest and sew the patches together. Believe it or not I have seen a Scout wearing a very cleverly sewn set of patches that formed a vest without any supporting material of any type. Some patches were sewn to overlap, but most were end-to-end. Another bizarre variant was a group that only sewed patches on the back of orange, blue and then red vests. The orange and blue backs were removed and appended to the red vest's back like pages of a book. I also know a lady Scouter with four army blankets sewn together and covered with patches, but I'd hate to lug the thing around without a self-propelled cart. Another Scouter built an extra room on his house and stuck patches on the mortar and covered them with verathane. Not very portable.

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Date: Sun, 2 Oct 1994 23:01:31 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: Tiger Cub Uniforming and camping
To: "Paul S. Wolf" <aa854@cleveland.Freenet.Edu>

On Fri, 30 Sep 1994, Paul S. Wolf wrote:

> In a recent discussion with a friend who just moved to the Atlanta area,
he
> mentioned that his Tiger Cub was TOLD to sew on CSP, Flag, and Pack#
> patches on the REQUIRED blaze t-shirt, and that the Blaze hat was also
> required.

The Pack is wrong. You are correct.

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> I told him the Pack was wrong, that the blaze shirt & hat were Options
and
> that NO patches were to be used (except the iron-ons).
>
> He wrote back today that the COUNCIL Tiger Cub Kit shows the patches on
the
> T-shirt. It seems that the south is still rebelling.

>
Atlanta may have been one of the cities where BSA tried one of its
experimental variations of Tigers and may have included patches. This
was
true of Tulsa. They may need to update to the standard program.
However,
the Scout Executive has a lot to say about this and National may be in the
suggesting mode at this point.

> Is there someone on the list in Atlanta, that could check this out, and get
> them back into synch with the rest of the USA?

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> On another point, he also mentioned that they were going camping this
> weekend, with the Pack. When I mentioned the rule against this by Tiger
> Cubs, quoting the Guide to Safe Scouting, he checked, and was told "This is
> Family Camping, so its OK." When I read the G2SS, it mentions Family
> Camping by 2nd grade and up, not Tiger Cubs. Who's right?

**Family camping with Tigers is a definite no-no - program varients or not.
This conflicts with BSA Rules and Regs.**

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> **Paul S. Wolf**

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> **Sysop, The Freenet Scouting Center**

President, Great Lakes Region

> **Greater Cleveland Council, BSA**

Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs

Date: Tue, 4 Oct 1994 00:43:46 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Tiger Service Star w/Orange or Blue

There has been a lot of discussion on the appropriate way to recognize adult participation in the Tiger Program. I agree with Kathie that the orange backing with a service star is appropriate for years spent as a Tiger Partner. Realize however, that the wearer who has the option of adding all cumulative service in Scouting into a single star or set of stars with blue backing. A leader entitled to wear 1 year Tigers, 3 years Cubs (youth), 4 years Scouts (youth), 4 years Exploring (youth), and 11 years leader (adult) all with appropriate backings could also elect to wear a 20 year and a 3 year pin both on blue backgrounds. Source: ICG.

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Date: Tue, 4 Oct 1994 22:45:53 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: Tiger Service Stars
To: jlyver <jlyver@cc.hq.nasa.gov>

John,

This is a tough area because the question of Tiger Service Stars for adults is not addressed in either the training material or the current Insignia Control Guide. What is in the material is a general indication that all participants in the Scouting Programs that have been registered are entitled to wear an appropriate service star. BSA maintains that Tiger partners are not registered Scout leaders. However, they are registered in the Tiger program. Ergo, logic suggests that they should be entitled to wear the service star. Part of the problem is that National was running six different variants of the Tiger Program at the beginning and is only now consolidating. You can expect that it will be a while, but that gradually we'll hear something from them allowing the wearing of a service star with either the orange or blue backing. We haven't really had any word locally on the subject, which is because folks are waiting to see what National finally says. I am told that the next Insignia Control Guide may address the subject. In our training we do not address the issue. If someone asks privately, I will tell them to go ahead and wear the star. My logic is that we need to encourage adult involvement as much as possible and if the star makes a difference, then so much the better if they wear it. BSA's overall policies encourage recognition of participation, so this is in line with policy direction. This is not a direct answer to all of your questions, but I hope it helps.

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Date: Wed, 5 Oct 1994 22:49:11 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: Re[2]: Tiger Service Stars
To: jlyver <jlyver@cc.hq.nasa.gov>

John,

Glad to be of small assistance in this matter. I too would like a better, clearer answer.

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Date: Thu, 6 Oct 1994 00:23:53 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: Uniform Question

John,

The announcement of the new Exploring Uniform did not authorize it for wear by Boy Scouts. Until we hear differently from National, the only uniform shirts authorized for Boy Scouting are those in the Insignia Control Guide; e.g., the tan shirt, various t-shirts. Using the Exploring shirt without insignia in my opinion is not any different than a Troop deciding on its own uniform. And if that were to be acceptable, where would it stop. Imagine a group of Scouts on tour in mega-death torn T-shirts and baggy shorts - what kind of message would be sent then?

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Date: Sun, 9 Oct 1994 21:34:51 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: Uniform Question

Let me add to Mike's discussion on concerns with Explorer Uniforming. The September 94 issue of Scouting Magazine ran a news brief on the new Explorer uniform under News Briefs on page 10. For those who want to pursue what BSA has said and what so many have worked for over the past couple of years, read on. BTW I've seen them running to size 2XX so far, so I think they meant it when they said they were for Explorer Advisors too (Yes I know that you don't have to where the kelly green, if your in a District, Council, Regional or National adult position).

As to ways of distinguishing leaders, I that you should consider ways that work with tan khaki shirt; e.g. neckerchiefs, smokey-bear hats, special ball caps (heresey) grin, or maybe neon pink tennis-shoes. grin. Don't take it too seriously now. Just remember we're trying to encourage the Scouts to uniform themselves.

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Date: Wed, 12 Oct 1994 00:15:52 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: Explorer Shirts for Adult Wear
To: John Oakes <joakes@unm.edu>

John,

Sounds to me like your DE needs reading glasses and training. A chartered organization may have a Troop and a Post, but a Troop doesn't charter Explorer Posts. They are two separate entities even if some members and leaders are dual registered. When Exploring, the uniform should be the Explorer uniform. The fact that a Troop is chartered to the same organization does not give it or its leaders leave to adopt Explorer uniforming. If the leaders are active in both, then they should be wearing the uniform appropriate for their primary registration in a joint setting or the uniform appropriate to the function they are currently carrying out if separate. Sounds like the Scoutmasters were out of uniform to me.

At our Scout Show I saw a wonderful uniforming innovation. A couple of Scoutmasters took the red embroidered BSA key fobs (cloth) of the ring, cut both ends off and presto had red shoulder tabs with the Scout emblem on them. These worthies also had decided there were a few extra places for patches that BSA had missed. When taken as whole they presented a rather odd picture, enough so to attract laughs from some of the Scouts in other Troops.

I'm afraid that some folks forget that uniforming was designed for the positive effect it could have with the youth members and instead try to gratify their own egos. In such cases, maybe we should let them wear neon pink T-shirts and tennis shoes so that they can really stand out in a crowd. Grin.

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id 9639; Mon, 17 Oct 94 22:48:32 EDT
Date: Mon, 17 Oct 1994 22:43:08 EDT
From: Robert Craig <rcraig@LIBRARY.CARLETON.CA>
Subject: Re: Pink T-shirts / Uniforms

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> > gratify their own egos. In such cases, maybe we should let them wear
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It's funny that you mention this, in Canada, the youngest section of the Girl Guides, Sparks wear as their uniform, a pink t-shirt with their promise:
"I promise to share and be a friend" printed on them. They also wear pink sun caps.
Yes, I am serious!
Bob

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Robert Craig | 1994. The Year of the Beaver! This
Carleton University Library | year, Scouts Canada celebrates the
Ottawa, Canada | 20th Anniversary of the Beaver Program
rcraig@library.carleton.ca | The Scouting World's first pre-cub
(613) 567-6771 (home) | program. "Party at the Pond!"
(613) 788-2600 ext. 2728 (work) | --PRACTICE RANDOM ACTS OF
KINDNESS!--

Date: Mon, 17 Oct 1994 10:13:30 -0500
From: William Myers <gwmyers@UXA.ECN.BGU.EDU>
Subject: Pink T-shirts / Uniforms

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Michael,

The contingent I took to Philmont in '91 voted for Neon Pink T-Shirts as their uniform. My first reaction was "Yeah-Right" but I actually found a local printer willing to make me some. They came out fabulous. It was one of the hottest trading items in base camp that week.

And I never had ANY problems locating my crew members ANYWHERE!
A neon boy scout is definitely noticable on the side of a mountain.

I'd recommend the color scheme to any leader!

**Bill Myers, Advisor Post 2193
Calumet Council**

Date: Wed, 19 Oct 1994 23:24:31 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: Pink T-shirts / Uniforms
To: William Myers <gwmyers@UXA.ECN.BGU.EDU>

Bill,

It just goes to show that with our Scouts nothing is impossible. I understand that in Canada the youngest girls in the Guides also wear neon pink, although, I'm not sure you'd be wise to share that with your folks. Anyway, I'd have to agree, it sure would make finding a crew member easier.

All grins.

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Date: Thu, 20 Oct 1994 04:23:11 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: Citizens of the World
To: Ian Ford <ianford@DIRCON.CO.UK>

Ian,

If the Badge earned by the Cub and Tiger wasn't a rank badge, it can be worn as a temporary badge/patch on the right pocket. Sounds like you had a wonderful time and much good fun.

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Date: Thu, 20 Oct 1994 04:29:23 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: Re[2]: Scout Sashes

In the U.S. we call the cloth bit that goes over the epaulet a "shoulder loop". When I was ordering some beaver shoulder loops from Ottawa, I specified "shoulder loops/ashes" and the order was filled. I was wondering what the proper Canadian terminology was, because the loops are not listed separately in your catalog. But it seems that shoulder loops was well understood.

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Date: Thu, 20 Oct 1994 04:36:49 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: Quality Unit/Honor Unit

Gino,

Hang on to your 1984 Honor Unit Award. Its valuable! The last year Honor Unit Awards were issued was 1985. Beginning in 1986 Quality Unit Awards were issued. Source: 1986 BSA Insignia Control Guide.

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Date: Thu, 20 Oct 1994 22:49:45 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: Citizens of the World
To: Ian Ford <ianford@dircon.co.uk>

Ian,

Ahh. Now I understand. These merit badges sound a lot like our Brownie Scout Try-its which are triangular and about 1.5 inches from tip to bottom. The girls love 'em. Wearing 'em back stateside might have another downside; e.g. ribbing about girly badges, given our two organizations.

Did you by chance get the second installment in a mid-sized envelope?

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Date: Sat, 10 Dec 1994 06:37:23 -0500 (EST)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: BSA History - Green Bar
To: SCOUTS-L Youth Groups Discussion List <SCOUTS-L@TCUBVM.BITNET>

In 1911 Patrol Leaders wore two 1.5 inch lengths of white braid on their left shoulder to indicate their position. An Assistant Patrol Leader wore only one of the lengths of white braid. At the time these badges resembled Captain and Lieutenant Bars.

When the uniforms changed from being replicas of the then current military uniforms (1920s) the bars changed to green, hence Green Bar.

By 1930 the following positions were Green Bar Positions:

Assistant Patrol Leader	One Green Bar
Patrol Leader	Two Green Bars
Senior Patrol Leader	Two & One Half Green Bars
Junior Asst. Scoutmaster	Three Green Bars

The above positions formed what was then known as a Green Bar Patrol that was to run the Troop. The name began to shift in the mid-thirties to Troop Leader's Council and Scribes were allowed to participate as advisors along with Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters (also advisors).

During the late 1930s and early 1940s the name shifted from Troop Leaders Council to Patrol Leaders Council. And by the end of 1942 Troop Cheerleaders, Troop Quartermasters, Troop Buglers and Troop Librarians were also advisors on the Patrol Leaders Council.

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Date: Fri, 19 May 1995 05:23:07 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@capaccess.org>
Subject: Re: Wearing the World Crest

Warren, et. al.

You guys are showing the age of your resource material - BSA changed its numbering system a few years back. If you get a green clerk that doesn't know the old numbers are almost the same, it might be helpful to have the new numbers. The new ordering numbers are:

The ordering number for the BSA Insignia Guide is No. 33064, The ISBN is 0-8395-3064-1. (Supercedes 3064A)

The World Crest is No. 00143.

The International Activity Patch is No. 00144.

The International Participant Patch is No. 00145

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Date: Wed, 24 May 1995 23:50:52 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@capaccess.org>
Subject: Belt Loops - Sports Awards - Games

Steve,

Many on the list have discussed the sports and academic beltloops. And I sense that some folks are frustrated with how to administer the program and in some cases the way the awards are worn. Let's remember first, that these awards are simply a way of encouraging sports or academic participation and not an end in themselves. Remember that BSA's three basic objectives are character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. One of the methods of achieving these objectives is recognition, another is a program filled with fun activities where the Scout learns to grow without really knowing it.

Since at least 1960 BSA has encouraged both academic and sports participation as part of its program for Cubs, but for many years the idea of learning games and sports or academic achievement was only recognized by electives used for earning an arrow point. This wasn't getting boys out there learning games they would enjoy and promoting fitness enough. That's what lead to extra specialized awards; e.g. beltloops, pins and letters. And it wasn't long before there was a hue and cry for recognizing Scouts that excelled academically, but might be a bit more clumsy or not athletically inclined. The dates of the changes really aren't that important. What is important is that we encourage the Scouts to grow through activities that will lead to character development, citizenship growth, and improved personal fitness.

At this point I'm thankful that there are books and literature period. Yes they could be better, but remember that this is a low-budget operation that depends on charitable giving for funds and an organization that is perpetually short of staff. How many have groaned at the mere mention of SME or FOS (BSA's fundraising program)? Next time you are considering FOS or SME remember that the contributions that don't get made are the ones that could perhaps have funded better program material. Sorry to unload on you here, just a pet peeve - we all want better program material, but hate to raise the money for it.

Probably the only way that we'll see these booklets improve, is if someone takes the challenge to work with BSA to rewrite them on a voluntary basis. Almost all of their publications are heavily dependent on volunteer effort either in the writing or review process. If nothing else write down your suggestions for improvement and pass them on to National via your Scout Executive. You might be surprised to see some of them adopted.

As to putting the pins on the left pocket - on the Cub Scout uniform, its reserved for the Arrow-of-Light patch. It also might be worth noting that there's something to be said for keeping the uniform reasonably simple and

not turning it in to a Christmas tree. One of the best display ideas for Cubs and Tigers is a patch vest. Its a great place for a Cub to display the Sports letter, where he can also wear the pin.

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From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@CapAccess.org>
To: SCOUTS-L Youth Groups Discussion List <SCOUTS-L@TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU>
Subject: Re: National Camping School Patch

Mike Williams

Let me answer your question and throw in a few other ideas for thought:

The only proper place for you to wear the National Camping School Patch is on your right pocket in the place for temporary patches - BSA Insignia Guide. This patch should only be worn during the period when the certification is valid.

What goes above the pocket? The BSA Insignia Guide sets the rules and allows the following: BSA Strip, Interpreter Strip, Ventury/Varsity Strips, Name Plate, and National or World Jamboree Patch (Only one of the Jamboree patches at a time). This area of the uniform is reserved for these patches.

You will probably find a number of folks in the Cub Scout Leader yellow blouse with all sorts of patches above the BSA Strip, especially if it is one of the older models without a pocket. This is not technically proper. However, a little understanding may be in order - in many cases I think there was a hesitation to put a patch there without a pocket because of how it looked or how the stitching rubbed, etc. Better uniforming practice would be to wear the patch in the right place.

This patch definitely doesn't belong on a sleeve. Take a look at your SM handbook, the Scout's handbook or the insignia guide to see what goes where on the sleeves. Same goes for the JLT patch.

I've also seen some folks with upwards of 15 Quality Unit/Honor Unit patches on a sleeve - only one is to be worn.

All this said and done, I think its up to us to set the best example in our own uniforming and to be a little tolerant with other leaders. If they need the recognition that way, but are delivering great program I try to remember that the uniform is only a tool, not a shrine and have been known to bite my tongue and shake my head later.

At roundtables we try at least once a year to do a uniform session

showing all the wrong things in a humorous way. We usually start off discussing why we have uniforms and then at the right moment a Scouter walks in with a uniform that you can't help laughing at!! At least 100 patches bespeak the great glory of this leader and of course none are located anywhere near where they should be, except by accident. We challenge the attendees to identify what is wrong and how to fix it. By using this method, nobody gets personally criticized and hurt and at the same time the message gets across on how to do it properly. A lot of uniforms get fixed by the next roundtable. :-))

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Date: Wed, 27 Sep 1995 10:38:20 -0500
From: Marc Solomon <msolomon@TEK1.TEKNIQ.COM>
Subject: Shameless Plug

A few months ago, a few people on Scouts-L were looking for embroidery companies for patches and neckerchiefs. I delayed in responding at that time until I was sure my friend's company was up and running and stable. For those of you who are interested, here is the information to reach a new company that specializes in computer generated embroidery:

Oak Tree Embroidery
(708) 836-8900

Please note that in January, the area code for this company will be changing to (847). For of those of you in the greater Chicago area, he is located in Carpentersville, IL. According to his brochure, he'll embroider on shirts, caps, jackets, sweaters, sport bags, attaches, etc. They have over 800 thread colors to choose from and given a color picture of what you want, his computer will scan it and generate the embroidery!

Yours in Scouting,

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I use to be a wise old owl . . . Now I am just old

Date: Wed, 11 Oct 1995 00:47:05 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@CapAccess.org>
Subject: Cub Scout Leader Recognition Plan

George,

Your question and the answer may be of wider interest and so I am responding via the list. Chances are that if your Council is not current on the Cub Scout Leader Recognition Plan, others may be behind as well.

In 1994 BSA changed the requirements for the Cub Scout Leader awards to allow the substitution of attendance at four roundtables for attending Pow Wow. The new requirements may be ordered using No. 34096, 1994 Printing. This one also includes the requirements for the Tiger Cub Group Coach award for the first time. This item can be ordered through your Council office or via the supply service (catalog '800' number).

If your Council was unaware of this change, the chances are that many of your leaders may have qualified for a recognition award, but were not nominated because of the Pow Wow requirement not being met. In such a circumstance, it would not be amiss to go back to the units in your area and ask them to look it over again and encourage them to send forward ones for people who did meet the new requirements.

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Date: Sat, 14 Oct 1995 20:25:29 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@CapAccess.org>
Subject: Re: Pulling Ranks

Mark and William,

Article X, Section 4, Clause 9 of the Rules and Regulations of the BSA states:

"All badges and insignia shall remain the property of the Boy Scouts of America subject to recall for cause by the Corporation or its duly authorized representative."

When you sign the registration form you agree to abide by these rules and regulations. Whether we like it or not this is one of those rules. Does it mean that BSA is actually likely to seize your patches, etc.? No. Does it have the right to do so? Yes. What about the expense of the badges, etc. Poses an interesting question about whether BSA would have to compensate a person, if the badges were taken. The only times that I am aware that BSA has used this provision is when a former Scout has gone so astray of the Scout Law that retention of the right to the insignia would be inconsistent with the goals of the movement. I recall reading about serial murderer Ted Bundy's Eagle being recalled (went to the same law school as the one I attended - creepy - and killed a relative of mine in Florida). Now unless you plan on becoming a serial murderer or some equally bad sort, I would suggest that you needn't worry about this provision.

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Date: Sat, 21 Oct 1995 02:39:10 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@CapAccess.org>
Subject: Scouting Magazine Right On - No Flub

A lot of folks sure sat up and took notice of the flap patches on the Scouts on Scoutings October 95 cover. Scott Begin is correcting noting that these are not the only non-OA patches to grace the right pocket flap including Firecrafter Flaps, Buckskin, Toten' Chip (in our Council for thirty years or so and sold in the Scout Shop). These and others are not necessarily inappropriate for that flap. Take a look at the good old Insignia Guide and you'll find that it says the OA Flap patch is sized to match the right pocket flap where it goes, but you won't find anywhere in the Insignia Guide where it says this piece of real estate is reserved exclusively for OA Flaps. What you will find is that under Clause 11, of Section 4, Article X of the BSA Rules and Regulations is that each Council has authority to adopt special local badges and insignia subject to National pre-approval. And this clause does not restrict the placing of the patch other than to say the badge or insignia has to be in harmony with national policies. This is where some councils have stepped in with badges to promote camping (the purpose of honor camper organizations like

OA, Mic-O-Say, Firecrafters) and outing in Scouting or simple Scoutcraft skills.

But this somehow seems to miss the point. Scouting magazine is not there to show picture perfect uniforming as much as it is to show Scouting in action. These Scouts are succeeding and their success story is worth retelling. Many of the Scouts in pictures in Scouting magazine over the months are going to be seen in tee-shirts and cutoffs, fowl weather gear, and all manner of uniforming. Yeah you can look a little harder at the cover and see the Quality Unit patch on the wrong sleeve, or in another issue a picture of eight Eagle brothers in jeans with uniform shirts a Cub at a mall with four temporary patches decoriously arranged for the best in personal design, etc. We can encourage good uniforming and should, but remember its a method of Scouting - a tool. And its working warts and all. Sometimes you will find uniforms that cause your teeth to grind, but remember that maybe the parent or Scout was doing their best and still is learning too.

Then there are others like an ASM (Wood Badge too) of some 25 years with every honor unit/quality unit patch he ever earned on his sleeve, who are going to take the Burger King "My Way" approach and wear that long sleeve display all summer cause a short sleeve just won't hold 'em all. At NE Region's Akela Calls we observed one particular fellow of some 40 years service who had 19 knots on his uniform - 4 Scout Training Awards, 4 Scouter Key, 4 Adult Religious, etc. Many of those probably went on before the miniture devices came out. Both were enthusiastic leaders not quite correct in uniform. The thing is that they were there giving and giving. I guess perspective is required - I'd rather have their help and work on the tools with them than get to excited.

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cc: troop24@emf.net
Subject: Re: KNOT WEBPAGE

Dave and Alan,

Regarding the George Meaney Award, the orientation of the knot is proper as it is with the loop of cord that goes over the two ends to the viewer's left. This particular knot appears to have two different color combinations in use. In 1993 Scouting Magazine showed it with the colors organized as you see in the .gif file on Alan's page. The 1995 SM Handbook shows the colors in reverse, which is the way you feel it should go. This disturbed me when I first ended up with the two versions. So I checked with NE Region at while Akela Calls I was told both are valid. Go figure. Similarly, you will find that the Arrow of Light Knot was issued in two versions one with the green cord to the right and the other to the left and both were sold side by side in Scout Shops. I had one of each on two uniforms and didn't even notice until I took them off for Wood Badge and looked into. Both are still around too. I am going to make a couple of revisions to the knots to include the New Explorer Gold as soon as I can eyeball one and will change the name on the West Fellowship Knot to be accurate. While I'm at it, I will probably go with SM Handbook version of the Meaney award to avoid confusion. Each of .gifs and a page with all are also available in the Scouts-L Archives thanks to Gary Hendra. I appreciate the alert, hadn't given it much thought until now.

And we thought BSA was always uniform and careful in its scrutiny.
Oops.

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Subject: Re: Camporee/Professional Scouters

Larry,

I would go so far as to suggest to the SE that the volunteers will buy the man a uniform with proper patches on it, if he is unable to afford one. Every once in awhile you get one of the newby DEs that doesn't get it. He should of all people know that he represents BSA when he is at an activity and that he should dress accordingly. When BSA decides Scout uniforms are unnecessary, then he can where a set of tights and his sweatshirt.

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**Date: Mon, 23 Oct 1995 20:45:47 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@CapAccess.org>
Subject: Scoutings Knots**

Mike Montoya,

Take a look at Alan Houser's web site at

<http://www.emf.net/~troop24/t24.html>

and use his index to jump to his knots page. Alan was kind enough to take the .gif images I created to use with his informative page. These images should also be in Scouts-L archives. I'm not sure just where, but perhaps Gary Hendra could tell you.

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**Date: Tue, 7 Nov 1995 07:35:19 -0500
From: "Ernest R. Spradling, P.E." <Freemason@AOL.COM>
Subject: Re: Knots for Youth members**

The physical awards for the District Award of Merit, the old Explorer Achievement Award, and the Distinguished Commissioner Service Awards are plaques - you know, the wooden kind :)

The Distinguished Commissioner Service Award has, in addition to the knot, a bolo tie as the wearable insignia: bronze for unit commissioners, gold for administrative (roundtable, assistant district and district commissioners), and silver for council commissioners and assistants. The same award is also available for Explorer Service Team members, but it is slightly different (Explorer E logo instead of Universal Emblem).

The OA Distinguished Service Award has a silver arrowhead pendant on a white ribbon embroidered with red arrows. Not surprising you haven't seen this one
- it's a rarity.

Hope this helps :)

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Troop Commissioner
Arrowhead District Simon Kenton Council
(and a good ole Owl, too! SR-5)

Date: Tue, 7 Nov 1995 00:38:05 -0500 (EST)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@CapAccess.org>
Subject: Re: Knots for Youth members

Regarding the wearing of knots by Explorers aged 18-20, the Insignia Guide (1995) lists each knot and designates who may wear it. When an Explorer can wear the knot it includes the phrase "Explorer or Scouter Only" in cases where the award can only be worn by an adult it uses "Scouter Only" to designate this. This seems pretty clear. An Explorer aged 18-20 is still an Explorer and not yet a "Scouter." Take a look at the Explorer Leader Handbook which defines youth member for Exploring. The answer is that an Explorer should not wear the knots for Arrow of Light or Eagle.

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cc: Multiple recipients of list SCOUTS-L <SCOUTS-L@TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU>
Subject: Knots & Palms - The Insignia Guide Way

Mike Walton while I am happy to see you have developed a web page, I have to agree with Jim Sleezer that you should check your resources before stating a rule, given that over time things change.

If we go back to say the 1986 Insignia Control Guide it says "Embroidered knots are worn with the distinguishing color (not white) toward the wearer's right."

The problem was that this resulted in a lot of debate over which color was distinguishing. For example the Arrow of Light - to a color blind person both colors are the same or nearly the shade of gray. Which is lighter? Which distinguished? What if both sides of the knot have the same color? You get the idea. National responded to volunteers and changed the rule to make it clearer!

Now take a look at what it says in the 1995 Insignia Guide:

"Right side up. The loop of the embroidered square knot that comes in front of the standing part is always to the wearer's right. In knots where both strands are the same color and therefore difficult to distinguish which strand comes in front, use the above drawing to determine wearer's right. Knots are worn with the distinguishing color (not white) toward the wearer's right. Other knots (Award of Merit, Silver World, Sea Badge) are worn as pictured on this page."

The operative thing here is that the loop over the strands is always to the wearer's right and that determines the distinguishing color to be worn to the right.

Mike Walton mentioned in another post that a large number of Arrow of Light knots were manufactured with the colors juxtapositioned. This is true. These knots were also distributed. By wearing them according to the book, some of the knots are going to have red and others are going to have green to the right. I've got four each way on various uniforms with some of the different knots going back years for both instances. Bottom line is that for the Arrow of Light you can't decide right side up by color. And if National was content to allow both varieties, so be it.

With respect to the Eagle Palms, the order is:

Bronze (21 for Eagle + 5 merit badges + tenure)
Gold (21 + 10 merit badges + tenure)
Silver (21 + 15 merit badges + tenure)
Silver & Bronze (21 + 20 merit badges + tenure)
Silver & Gold (21 + 25 merit badges + tenure)

Silver & Silver (21 + 30 merit badges + tenure)

This order is set forth in the 1995 Insignia Guide at page 22.

The fact that silver is higher than gold in Scouting is a reflection its adaptations of military uniform in the early days and the use of military ideas in determining awards. In the Armed Services silver is superior to gold on similar rank devices and the most senior are all silver. For example General Officer Stars, the Eagle for Colonel/Navy Captain, the Silver Leaf for Lt. Col. or Navy CDR are senior to the Gold Leaf for Major or LCDR. Likewise the silver bar of a 1st Lt./Navy Lt (jg) is superior to the gold bar of a 2nd Lt./Navy Ensign. Within Scouting you'll find the top honors are all silver; e.g. Silver Buffalo, Silver Antelope and Silver Beaver. Likewise with the wreaths for commissioned positions.

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From: "Settummanque, the blackeagle (MAJ) Mike Walton"
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Subject: Re: Uniform Uniform**

Chuck wrote (in part):

**>Then there are the adults. We should be in complete uniform at all
>times--even if the pants keep shrinking in the waist (which they seem to
do
>just hanging in the closet!). It's not really that hard. On the other
>hand, I hate the socks so I wear brown orlon ones. And then there's my
>"untrainable" patch.**

You have one of those too?? *heheheheehee*

**Just to let everyone else in on the tease, the BSA in 1972 initially intended
for the position
patch to tell others if they were trained or not. Special fully-embroidered
position patches
(or special mylar-bordered and "wreathed" patches in the cases of
professionals) denoted at that (short) time, those Scouters whom were
"fully trained" for the job they held from those that**

just "learning the job".

Quickly, two groups of Scouters started forming...not the two the BSA intended. It was hoped that the beautifully crafted patches, only available to those that had a green (I STILL have mine, in my wallet!) "training certificate" card, would entice those that NEED the training to get it, if only just to get the "special Scoutmaster's patch" or the other special ones. In other words, the "trained" and the "not trained". It didn't happen that way. Instead, we saw some Scouters serving in several positions only so that "they can get and wear the full-embroidered version" and others willing to pay holders up to \$75 for one of the special patches (which local Councils would not sell to them for the regular \$5).

So, in 1978, the BSA stopped producing those patches and instead issued a "throw-back" to the old "Trained" strips used in the 50s and 60s...a fully embroidered strip with the word "Trained" on it. This strip is to be worn by those that have completed basic training for their particular position. The old patches would continue to be available until their stocks were exhausted.

[for those patch buffs, there were 18 special patches created: Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Den Leader Coach, Den Leader, Assistant Den Leader, Den Mother, Assistant Den Mother, Pack Committee Chairman, Pack Committee, Troop Committee, District Executive, Council Executive Staff, District Executive Staff, and Unit Commissioner. Additionally, there's also a Explorer Advisor and Explorer President patch created, but those were NOT "official". The majority of the "Cornerstone series" (taken from the name of the basic training program) patches were Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Den Leader Coach and Den Leader/Den Mother patches.]

Of course, imitation is a form of flattery, and there were several Scouters that have created their OWN version of the "Trained" strip to cover some of us Scouters that have perhaps have done too much training. These strips, identical in size and colors (except the fleur-de-lis which makes it a "official" BSA patch) to the real one, come in two flavors: one, which states "Overtrained"; and the other which states "Untrainable".

Settummanque!

From mfbowman@CapAccess.org Sun Dec 17 05:27:37 1995

Subject: Re: Webelos Tri-colors question.

This may nearly repeat a previous posting of mine, if it got out. If so my apologies. In the middle of sending it out, my time limit expired and the connection was broken. Don't have any way of knowing whether it was out or cut-off.

Kyna and others are right that the Webelos Tri-colors go below the flag and the Den number/patch. Some have expressed concern that this results in sleeves being torn with our ever active Webelos. Local leaders have found some unique solutions:

1. Enlist the help of a parent with a sewing machine to sew a 1.5 inch button stitch just below the flag or Den number/patch. Pin the Tri-colors here. This should reduce the chance of a bad tear.

2. Remove the pin and clasp from the metal part with pliers. Use hot glue to put velcro on the back of the metal and each ribbon. Sew a matching piece of velcro on the sleeve. This allows the Tri-color to be pulled off without ripping the sleeve and in the meantime keeps it from swinging to and fro.

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From: mfbowman@IX.NETCOM.COM (Michael Bowman)

Subject: Recommendations for Insignia Guide

Steve,

Earlier you had suggested I might be able to provide you with suggestions for improving BSA's Insignia Guide based on my experiences with giving advice through training to Cub and Boy Scout leaders around the country. I've looked over my notes and have prepared a few thoughts primarily concerning Cub Scouting for your consideration:

INSIGNIA CONTROL GUIDE - RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS

SPECIAL LOCAL BADGES AND INSIGNIA:

It would be helpful to have an example of some of the types of badges authorized, particularly those badges other than Order of the Arrow that are designed for the right pocket flap with the purpose of camp and scoutcraft skills promotion. For example: Firecrafters (Crossroads of America Council), Buckskin (Atlanta Area Council), Tot'in Chip, and others.

THE NECKERCHIEF:

The rule for Webelos should state that may only wear the gold, green and red plaid neckerchief. Some units interpret this as optional and have separate "patrol" neckerchiefs for each Webelos den.

TIGER CUB INSIGNIA:

Religious Emblems for Tiger Cubs:

The religious emblems of the following religions should be added:

Armenian Church of America (Eastern Diocese)

Baha'i

Baptist

Christian Church

Eastern Orthodox

Eastern Rite Catholic

Episcopal

Meheer Baba

Presbyterian Church

Protestant (General)

Salvation Army

Unitarian Universalists

United Church of Christ

United Methodist

Likewise the religious emblem square knot should be added and with a reference to the Tiger Cub device mentioned.

CUB SCOUT AND WEBELOS SCOUT INSIGNIA:

Illustrations:

The proper location of the Webelos Tri-Color Bar and Ribbons should be illustrated. Most leaders have no idea whether to place the tri-color over the den emblem and quality unit award or under. Many still pin it over the flag because it is better anchored by the seam. The section "Webelos Colors" is lost because it appears on the opposite side of the page and is often overlooked.

Alternative Proposal:

As an alternative to wearing the tri-color to display activity awards, I would strongly urge that the compass patch be used to display these awards, doing away with the metal points. The awards could be ranged around the patch in two circles. Smaller versions of the current pins might be indicated for this approach.

Observations:

It would be helpful to reference in the Insignia Guide the document or pamphlet that describes the requirements for some of the awards; e.g., Sports and Academic pins and letters.

Cub Scout leaders frequently ask whether Cub Scouts can wear an interpreter strip, if they are bilingual. We probably should have an answer under "Cub Scout Participation."

Cub Scout Leader Recognition:

It would be helpful to reference the appropriate square knot for each award with ordering number.

Religious Emblems for Cub Scouts:

The appropriate religious emblems for the following religions should be added:

Armenian Church of America (Eastern Diocese)
Association of Unity Churches
General Church of the New Jerusalem
Meher Baba

BOY SCOUT INSIGNIA:

Boy Scout Insignia of Office:

Several leaders have suggested that a new Insignia of Office be added to cover Troop Newsletter Editors because so many youth in Troops are now doing the newsletters.

UNIVERSAL AND NONUNIT INSIGNIA:

Medals and Embroidered Knots:

The section entitled "Right side up" should be revised to omit references to distinguishing colors, which only confuses the issue. This is particularly important because a large number of Arrow of Light knots were issued with the color scheme reversed. Likewise some of the George Meany knots were produced with the red and white sides reversed. It should be sufficient to say that the standing part of the knot goes to the wearer's right.

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Date: Thu, 18 Jan 1996 10:36:39 -0700
From: George Crowl <WILLIAMM@ZIAVMS.ENMU.EDU>
Subject: BSA Leader Training Awards

Steve White:

You are correct that time spent on earning the Scouter's training Award in Boy Scouting cannot be counted toward time need for the Scouter's Key in Commissionering. This issue is very confusing due to the multiple types of awards, many of which have the same name. Let me put this in table format to see if it will get less confusing.

CUB SCOUT PROGRAM:

Each award (Cubmaster, Den Leader, Webelos Leader, Den Leader Coach, Cub Scouter, Tiger Coach) is separate. Each

requires two years tenure in the appropriate job(s). None prevent anyone from earning the others.

BOY SCOUTING:

You must earn the Scouter's Training Award (STA) before you earn the Scouter's Key. The Scouter's Key (SK) can be earned in three years total time, including that used to earn the STA.

VARSITY SCOUTING:

You may earn the STA (2 years) or the SK (3 years) first. If you earn the SK first, you cannot earn the STA. STA + SK = 5 years.

EXPLORING:

You may earn the STA (2 years) or the SK (3 years) first. If you earn the SK first, you cannot earn the STA. STA + SK = 5 years.

COMMISSIONER:

Today you can only earn the SK (3 years). Roundtable staff members no longer earn the commissioner STA symbol, but earn the STA symbol for the program for which they roundtable staff.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE:

Earn the SK (3 years) only.

I am concerned that I may be an participant in one of my least favorite games, "This is the Scouting rule!" As council training chairman, I try to apply the rules to make sure that the individual has earned the award, that we make a real effort to find and recognize those who have done the job for two or three program years, and that we discourage "badge hunting" by those few who abuse it. One of the ways Scouting retains volunteers is appropriate recognition for service rendered.

— / — George Crowl
VV / \ UU AA, X226
/318\ Cncl Tng Chmn
/ 402 \ Wood Badge CD
/||||| \ Double Eagle
| Clovis, NM

Date: Sat, 20 Jan 1996 03:44:44 -0500 (EST)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@CapAccess.org>
Subject: Re: Nameplates

Yep, the Insignia Guide has changed and the proper place for the nameplate is above the BSA strip or interpreter's strip, if you have one. And yes, the Insignia Guide does indicate that the proper standard nameplate is the black with white lettering version, which is available through local Scout Shops and the BSA Catalog.

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To: Multiple recipients of list SCOUTS-L <SCOUTS-L@TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU>

(I KNEW this question would come up eventually!! *hehehee*)

Greg Benesh asked:

>Regarding the question about the order of Eagle palms >(Bronze, Gold, Silver): why are the district/council shoulder >loops silver, and the region/national loops gold?

A bit of Scouting "lore", Greg....

When the "Improved Scouting program" came into being in 1972/73, the BSA wanted to visually recognize those Scouters occupying key roles. Hence, they devised a color scheme which would visually allow ANYONE to instantly recognize at what level and what position a person is occupying in the program without lettering....and to allow those outside the program to instantly recognize Scouters in key positions with the addition of lettering which describes the position held.

SILVER was chosen to denote the key person (Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, later Explorer Advisor; District Chairmen, Council, Area, Regional Presidents, the National President; the District, Council and later National Commissioner; and District, Council and Chief Scout Executives) in a role.

GOLD was chosen to denote people SUPPORTING the key person (Assistants/Associates/staff members at the unit, District, Council, Area, Regional and National levels).

BRONZE was chosen to denote people on LAY COMMITTEES at those same levels.

BLUE was chosen to denote people performing SPECIAL ROLES within Scouting (for instance, Chaplains and adult Chaplain Aides, Physicians, the old Women's Reserve).

WHITE was chosen to denote people performing KEY RELATIONSHIP roles within Scouting (Junior Assistant Scoutmasters are one example; Scouter Reserve members are another).

These colors appeared as the border color of the position patches as well as the color of the lettering within the patches.

The color of the background also denotes the LEVEL in which the position is being held:

DARK BLUE - Cub Scouting
LIGHT GREEN - Boy Scouting
RED - Exploring
LIGHT BLUE - District/Council
LIGHT RED - Commissioners/Professionals
DARK GREEN - Area
MAROON - Regional
PURPLE - National
WHITE - Various levels

So, looking a person with a patch with a silver border and light green background, you can tell that this person is a key person at the Boy Scout level.

So, the shoulder loops are an outward "emphasis" on where the BSA says the "program lies" at: the Council/District level, with those on all other levels SUPPORTING the volunteer and professional members at the Council/District level.

We want to make sure that everyone knows that those serving at the local Council level are MOST IMPORTANT to the success of Scouting and everyone else is here to support that importance.

Hope that helps out, Greg (and others wondering why!). It's too bad the BSA is abandoning their color scheme....it made for a distinctive set of patches and insignia!!

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Subject: Insignia, Knots, Uniforms, Etc.

This posting addresses questions related to BSA concerning awards from other Scouting Associations, awards from other organizations, "equivalent

awards", Scouter knots, service stars, and uniforms for female Cub Scout leaders.

--- AWARDS FROM OTHER SCOUTING ASSOCIATIONS ---

These awards are "always worn when visiting the country whose Scouting association presented the award or when attending a meeting or function attended by Scouters from the country." In addition "Medals awarded by other associations are worn above the left breast pocket." From the Insignia Guide, BSA No. 33064.

--- AWARDS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS ---

"The general rule is that badges awarded by organizations other than Boy Scouts of America may not be worn on the official uniform." Exceptions include religious emblems and special badges approved by local councils in conjunction with the national Program Group Committee such as Historic Trails medals. From the Insignia Guide, BSA No. 33064.

This suggest to me that a Girl Scout who earned a religious emblem and who later became an Explorer or Adult Leader should be able to wear the universal religious emblem square knot, but without miniature device.

--- "EQUIVALENT AWARDS" ---

The Insignia Guide states that BSA badges and insignia are to be worn only by registered members who have satisfactorily complied with the requirements prescribed by BSA.

While we can debate endlessly whether a Queen's Scout, Springbok, etc., is an equivalent to an Eagle Scout, the debate is not relevant. BSA awards are only for those who earned them in the BSA program. It is not appropriate for a Scout who has earned the highest honor in his country before coming to the United States to then wear the Eagle knot on a BSA uniform. Likewise, I would not presume to wear the Queen's Scout badge on a U.K. or Netherlands uniform when visiting or living in the U.K. or the Netherlands simply because I am an Eagle Scout. If a Scout wishes to wear his Cub badge or Queen's Scout badge, then it should be on the right pocket as a temporary patch, but only if visiting the host country, whose Scout association awarded the badge or at a meeting or activity attended by representatives of that association.

--- KNOTS ---

HORNADAY AWARD

The requirements for this award require the Scout to have earned several merit badges. As a result this award is not one which can be earned by a Cub Scout. See 1995-1997 Boy Scout Requirements, No. 33218

JAMES E. WEST FELLOWSHIP AWARD

Quoting from James E. West Fellowship Award, BSA No. 35-379

"This award is for an individual who contributes \$1000 or more in cash or securities to their local council endowment trust fund. This contribution is in addition to, and does not diminish or replace, the donor's annual gift to the council's Sustaining Membership Enrollment or Friends of Scouting Campaign.

"Organizations or individuals may contribute an award in honor of someone-an Eagle Scout, a Silver Beaver recipient, council president, or district chairman, or in memory of a departed loved one, business associate, or special Scouter."

This suggests that a youth member could make the necessary contribution or that a contribution could be made in honor of a youth member; e.g. Eagle Scout and that the youth member could then wear the knot.

--- SERVICE STARS ---

The Insignia Guide, BSA No. 33064, under the heading "Service Stars" at Note 1 states that service stars may be worn by youth and adult members who have a least one year of tenure with BSA. The stars are worn with the appropriate color background for the phase of Scouting where the service was rendered. Separate stars with appropriate backgrounds may be worn for service in separate phases of Scouting. Leaders may combine youth and adult tenure into one or two stars with blue background. This means that only adults can combine tenure for on stars with a blue background. Youth members cannot combine tenure. A boy with 1 year of Tigers, 4 years of Cub Scouting, 3 years of Boy Scouting and 1 year of Exploring would wear a one year star with orange background for Tigers, a four year star with gold/yellow background for Cub Scouts, a three year star with green background for Boy Scouts, and a one year star with red background for Exploring.

The colors are:

Orange - Tigers

Gold/Yellow - Cub Scouts

Green - Boy Scouts

Brown - Varsity

Red - Explorers

Blue - Adult Scouter Service

--- UNIFORMS ---

The Cub Scout Leader Book spells out the appropriate uniform for female Cub Scout leaders as being the Yellow Blouse and Blue Skirt/Pants. Members of the Committee and Webelos Leaders may wear the khaki uniform.

Remember this program is for the benefit of the Scouts and we should set the example of wearing the correct uniform. It is hard to tell a Cub to wear his uniform properly when he knows that the Den Leader has made her

own rules on uniforms. He reasons, if the leader can do it, why can't I? Please write to BSA to express your concerns and your reasons why a change in policy should happen. In the meantime, please set the example, even if the uniform, in your opinion, is not optimal. Heck, when I was a Cubmaster, I wondered why I couldn't have blue trousers and a yellow shirt. :-) I would have worn them though, if they were required. As it was I've ended up in stranger costume for Pack Meetings, playing Santa Claus, dressed as a pioneer, dressed in ridiculous outfits for skits, etc.

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Subject: Re: Eagle Equivelent Knot

Chuck,

Good idea. I think it would be great to have a special knot to recognize Scouts that have earned the highest honor in their Scouting program. Maybe we could suggest a "knot" with purple background and silver edge with a silver fleur-de-les instead of an actual knot.

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Subject: Re: Burees [Berets] for troop - HELP! - 2d Try

Kevin,

The Insignia Guide states that "No alteration of, or additions to, the official uniform, as described in the official publications, or rules and regulations covering the wearing of the uniform and the proper combinations thereof on official occasions, may be authorized by any Scouting official or local council or any local executive board or committee, except the Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America after consideration by the Program Group Committee." However, the Insignia Guide also authorizes local Councils to adopt special badges and insignia for particular purposes in harmony with national policies." This latter provision is the basis for many Councils developing special baseball hats and T-shirts for camp staffs, leader and junior leader training courses, camporees, Scout shows, etc. And although "officially" there is no authorization for a Troop to design its own hat, I'm not sure many Councils would get too upset with a Troop with its own baseball type hat with Scouting logos or a Troop Patch. This probably is a matter for local Council decision. On the otherhand, if a Troop decided to adopt a hat not in harmony with Scouting, I'd expect a quick reaction; e.g., a Troop that adopted a pickle-stabber helmet with skull and cross-bones logo, probably should expect to be told in short order to stop the practice.

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Subject: Re: Hiking Medals

Randy,

Scouts may wear up to five medals earned in Scouting above their left pocket flap. In addition to BSA awards like the Hornaday Medal, Medal of Merit, Eagle, etc, they may wear religious emblem medals. The Insignia Guide states that the general rule is that badges awarded by organizations other than BSA may not be worn on the official uniform. "There are, notable exceptions. Among them are religious emblems and those special badges approved by local councils in conjunction with the national Program Group Committee such as Historic Trails medals." The answer is that if a hiking medal was approved by a local Council for wear, then it can be worn. Most hiking medals for historic trails have been approved. Likewise, if the local Council has approved, Scouts can wear the archery and marksmanship medals earned in camp.

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Subject: Re: BSA Insignia ("Taking back ranks")

Fred,

You asked - I am a lawyer. :-) BSA does have the authority to take back insignia when there is just cause, but hasn't used their authority except in exceptional circumstances. The analogy to a software license is a fair statement of our right to use the insignia. However, for most Scouts

and Scouters this is never ever going to be an issue. I don't think anyone needs to hit the panic button. The "just cause" limit is what protects us from arbitrary action. The only time someone would win would be if there was an arbitrary seizure, which is not likely to happen. For millions of Scouts and past Scouts out there, this is really a non-issue. I think we can safely and without worry continue to award badges without worry, make camp patch blankets, collect momentos, etc. Now on with the program. :-))

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