

BELOW are details about the scouting uniform, including some specific to Troop 788. If you have questions, ask another scout! (Parents, ask another parent or leader!)

At summer camp, all the troops line up for flag ceremony before dinner in their uniforms, and attend the campfires in uniform. So, ideally, all the new scouts (and adult leaders who are attending) can be fully "uniform" by then.

ALSO, we wear our uniforms at meetings. And to travel for campouts. And lots of other occasions. But sometimes different parts of the uniform at different events. (Kind of like a sports team, having a home uniform, away uniform, practice uniform, etc.)

It can be kind of confusing what all to get, when to wear it, etc. You may already have some of the pieces I mention below BUT ask your parents about acquiring what you don't have. (And don't forget to volunteer for some extra chores in return!)

In the pic at the end of the message, D and C are "modeling" the full ScoutsBSA uniform.

OK here's what you need for the uniform:

Available at the scout store 8090 Villa Park Dr (if you were in Webelos, you might already have some of these):

1. Official khaki boy scout shirt
2. "olive drab" (OD) green boy scout shorts, or pants, or pants that convert to shorts - scout store sells these, I recommend at least one "official" pair, but we also keep our eyes open at costco etc for other similarly green stuff..
3. Official boy scout belt
4. "olive drab" (OD) green socks - scout store sells, but I have a couple of pairs from costco too, I suggest one "official" pair to mainly wear for "full uniform" occasions, see below



5. Purple "world crest emblem" . C doesn't have one on, but Mr R (standing behind D) does.
6. Merit badge sash - rarely worn, but important to have to "collect" all the merit badges you'll be earning! D & C both have theirs on. (We've bought the larger version for our boys, and then pin them such that they are a bit smaller.)
7. "Badge magic" sheets of sticky stuff, either pre-cut, or not pre-cut, to put badges on uniforms. Not required, but easier than sewing! (We use fabric glue for the merit badges that go on the sash, since the sash is never washed).

Hopefully you already got the below items from the troop; if not, let us know!



8. Heart of Virginia shoulder patch thing (scout store has these too)
9. OD green shoulder loops (scout store has these too)
11. "788" rectangular badge (scout store has individual numbers... but the troop has a lot of the 788 all-in-one)
12. **ALSO the ScoutsBSA handbook is "part of the uniform"! It's like a baseball glove, it comes to every "practice" and "game".**
13. Purple "woggle" (neckerchief slide) - made of paracord woven into a turk's head knot
14. Purple "neckerchief" - thanks for donating these Mr and Mrs R!

You will eventually get from the troop:

- The merit badges themselves, to go on the merit badge sash
- Rank "emblems" (looks like C has his Tenderfoot badge; left pocket)
- Patrol "emblem" (D's right sleeve has his Dragon patrol patch)

You will eventually purchase at the scout store (but not now):

- Position of Responsibility "emblem" (C has a patrol leader patch, below his 788 patch)

Available to occasionally order customink (see most recent email)

- Purple shirt, sweatshirt, etc... I think I have 2 shirts (but don't have a sweatshirt yet), my sons each have a couple of boy-sized shirts & a sweatshirt kicking around their closets

Nice to have:

- Scout hat, OD green, available at scout store (we don't have purple troop hats... yet... !!!), or other woodsy-colored hat

- handbook cover (avail at scout store); you should have received a ScoutsBSA handbook from the troop, if not, let us know! It helps protect the scoutbook.

When will you wear these items?

Everything you have, including merit badge sash, but probably not hats:

- Courts of Honor (quarterly recognition ceremony, next one is scheduled for late July)
- Blue & Gold to accept new scouts
- Scout Sunday in February

Everything EXCEPT the merit badge sash:

- Scoutmaster conference (necessary for advancement, including to get Scout rank)
- Boards of Review (with other troop parents, necessary for advancement beyond Scout rank)
- Summer camp
- Campouts where you plan to ask for a scoutmaster conference and/or board of review

Everything EXCEPT the merit badge sash and the neckerchief & woggle (and maybe leave the nice BSA socks at home):

- Regular troop meetings, especially if you are doing something sweaty (which is pretty much game at every meeting right?)
- Campouts; we travel in our uniforms

EXCEPTION: meetings during "summer vacation" (generally judged by Henrico calendar)

- Purple scout shirt, or other boy scout t-shirt, tucked in; and OD green shorts & belt
- (Of course uniform shirt is fine too)

Below, basically D and C are wearing "everything you have including merit badge sash" since they are accepting E into the troop at a Blue & Gold dinner.



Mr. E