

Troop 21 Uniform Requirements

The Boy Scout uniform helps to create a sense of belonging, identification and commitment for scouts and leaders. The uniform symbolizes character development, citizenship training and personal fitness. The "Class A" uniform is recognized everywhere and represents much more than the individual themselves. As such Troop 21 has determined that our official Class A uniform will include:

The scout shirt, neckerchief, and scout pants. Badges and insignia on the scout shirt include the current scout rank, Arrow of Light (when applicable) troop numerals, current patrol patch, world crest & ring, current JTE patch, and Council patch. The scout may choose to make and wear their own original neckerchief slide, or this can be purchased from the scout store. For major events such as Court of Honor and Eagle Boards of Review, the scout will also wear the Merit Badge Sash displaying their earned merit badges and patches.

Scouts are required to wear the Class A uniform for all regular weekly meetings, at **Scoutmaster Conferences and Boards of Review**, Courts of Honor, and at various summer camp or Council activities. Other activities requiring Class A uniform may be communicated during planning sessions for each event.

Photo Guidelines for Troop 21

At Troop 21 the adult leaders and scouts do many activities and have adventures that we wish to photograph or make videos of. These make for wonderful memories and provide the opportunity for scouts, adults and their families to reflect and share. On occasion photographs videos and audio of scouts taking part in activities may be submitted to the group attending, the troop, the newspaper the council newsletter or the Troop 21 or other websites or put out for display.

To protect our scouts we will:

- Avoid using both the name and the photograph of a young person in a publication or on the website.
- Seek parental choice to opt out by use of this release.
- Only allow photographs to be taken of suitably dressed scouts and adults, in appropriate situations.

No response is needed if you are in agreement with this practice.

I do not wish to have photos picturing my scout shared as identified in the Troop 21 policy.

Parent or Guardian Signature & Date

Active Scout Guidelines for Troop 21

A Boy Scout must be “ACTIVE” in his Troop in order to advance in rank, starting with Scout Rank all the way up through Eagle Scout Rank. A Scout must be “ACTIVE” to be considered for any leadership positions within Troop 21.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 21 along with C.U.M.C. provide the scout's with many opportunities to grow mentally, physically and within the community. We as a troop provide monthly overnight camping throughout the year along with multiple opportunities for the scout to get the required service hours for rank advancement.

The Scoutmaster and adult leaders strive to help each Scout no matter what rank they are in or rank being worked on. Troop 21 works with Patrols along with other Scouts in their leadership positions to help the Scout advance thru the Ranks in a timely manner.

All Scouts who ATTEND the weekly meetings, campouts, and community service hours along with other Troop functions are considered “ACTIVE” in the Troop. Those Scouts that have outside obligations aside from Troop 21 such as sports, church, work, etc. may find the opportunities within the Troop more challenging to attend. However, many scouts that achieve the rank of Eagle, participate in more activities than scouting alone. This is encouraged by BSA as it teaches the life lessons of setting priorities and time management.

If the Scoutmaster or Adult Leaders notice a Scout that is missing out on these opportunities they may hold a conference with the Scout to let him know what is needed to be “ACTIVE” in the troop and to keep advancing in the Troop in order to become an Eagle Scout. Our goal as a Troop and Adult leaders is not to discipline but to guide and mentor the Scout to attain Eagle Scout Rank. This will be done in accordance to 2017 BSA guidelines.

Please sign below to acknowledge

Parent or Guardian Signature & Date