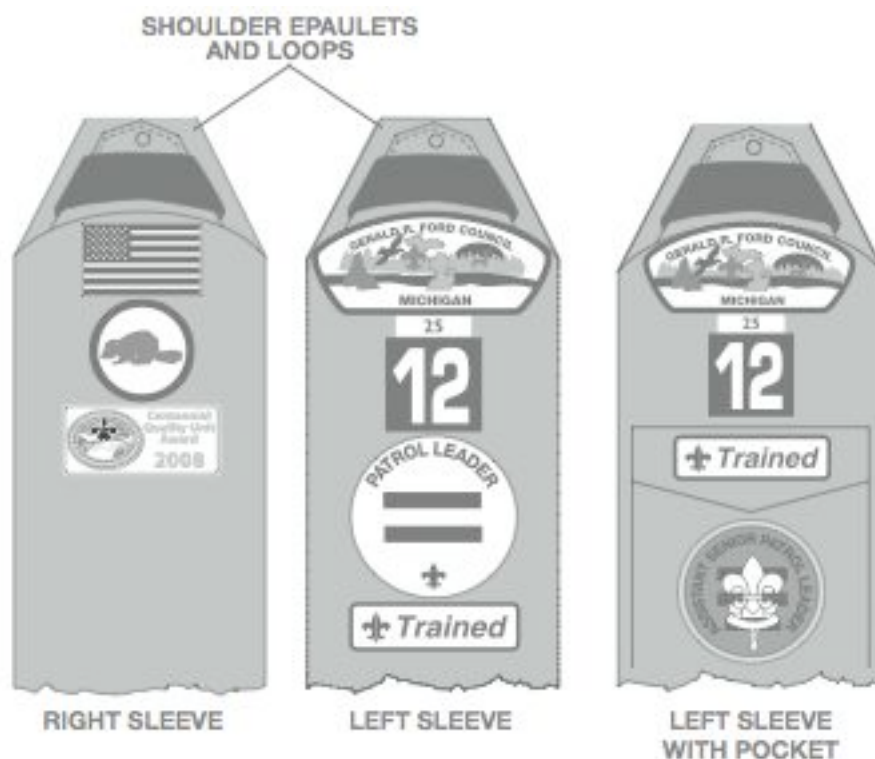


Boy Scout Troop 281 Uniform Guide

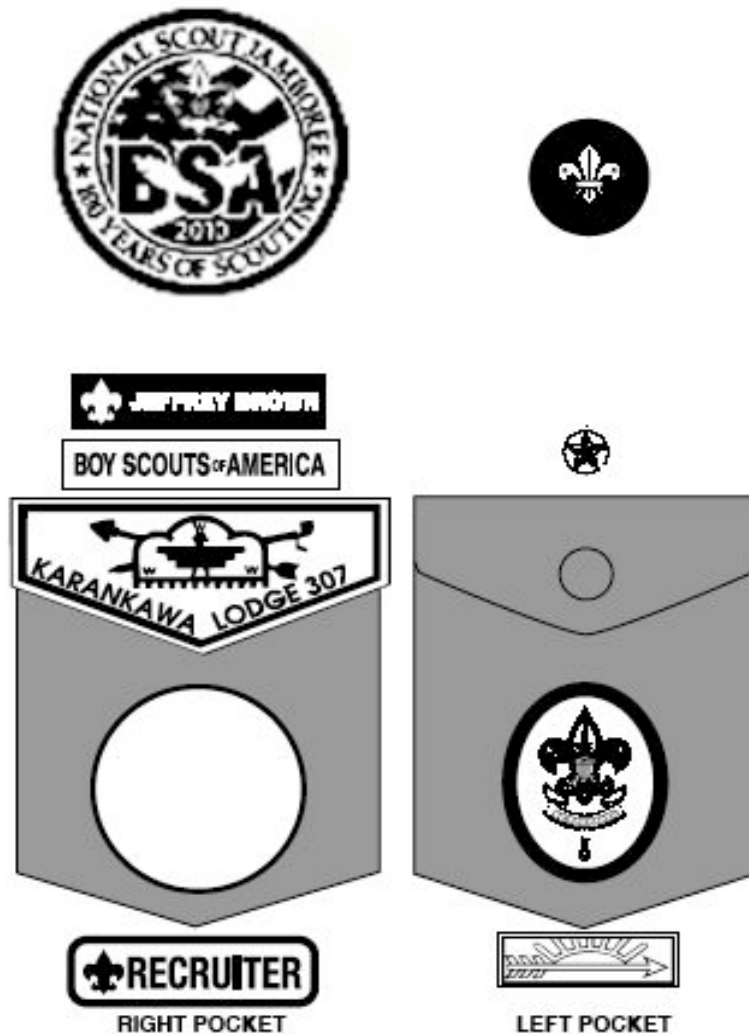
Scouts in Troop 281 wear 4 different uniforms suited to the occasion: 1) **Class A Uniform** is the official BSA tan shirt, green pants, web belt and green socks (worn at all Troop and Patrol meetings), 2) **Dress Uniform** is Class A with a blue Troop 281 neckerchief and dark leather shoes (worn at Court of Honor and other formal occasions), 3) **Class B Uniform** is the white Troop 281 T-shirt worn with green scout pants, belt and socks, and 4) **Activity Uniform** is the Troop 281 T-shirt with civilian pants.

The **official BSA tan short sleeve Boy Scout shirt, green pants (long, short, or nylon zip-off), dark green web belt and green socks** are purchased at the Council Scout Shop, 10078 Reading Road, Evendale (phone 961-0500). In addition to the above four, you will need to purchase both a purple **World Crest patch** and a **Council patch**. Our Troop supplies you with the **Troop 281 numeral patch**, **olive green shoulder loops** and a **name patch**. All of the rest of the patches and badges will be supplied by the Troop as your son earns them. Temporary patches, such as one earned on a campout, may be placed in a clear plastic patch holder that hangs on the right pocket button. Buy the patch holders at the Scout Shop.

To affix the basic patches to a new shirt, it is easiest to either temporarily staple or fabric glue the patch, and then sew around the perimeter of the patch. Fabric glue does not stick long-term to most patches since many have a plastic backing. Clear nylon thread works nicely to conceal the stitching.



With very few exceptions, **adjoining patches on the uniform should touch each other**. For instance, the top of the patrol patch (the Scouts will choose this on the first campout) on the right sleeve should touch the bottom of the American flag that comes pre-sewn on the tan shirt. The top of the Council patch should be **even with the left shoulder seam**. The “281 – 75 year” patch should touch the bottom of the Council patch. A troop office patch is centered on the sleeve pocket, and a “Trained” patch is placed as shown, depending on the uniform type.



The purple World Crest patch is sewn above and in line with the center of the left pocket, **halfway** between the top of the pocket and the left shoulder seam. The Arrow of Light patch from Cub Scouts is centered **below and just touching** the bottom of the left pocket. The yellow-backed service star representing years served in Cub Scouts is placed with its bottom **3/8" above and centered** over the left pocket flap. The name patch is sewn just above the BSA strip, above the right pocket. A Recruiter patch may be centered below the right pocket if the Scout recruits a boy to join Scouts.

Once earned and presented at our September campout, the blue Troop 281 neckerchief is worn over the turned-under shirt collar, and held in place by a neckerchief slide. To properly wear the neckerchief, **roll it tightly until just 6 inches hangs at the back**. This is easiest to roll by holding the longest edge taut and repeatedly flipping the back tip around. Pull on the back tip (or grasp it in your lips) to tighten the roll, and continue until only 6 inches shows at the back. When properly rolled, both of the neckerchief's tails resemble a blue and white barber pole. The tan shirt's top button is left undone, and the collar is folded under until the collar tips are nearly at the shoulder seams of the shirt, creating a V-neck. A neckerchief slide of the scout's choosing is placed on the neckerchief just in front of the bottom of the "V". The white tips of the neckerchief are tied in an **overhand knot**.

The web belt should be adjusted so it has "metal to metal" - the grey metal end of the belt only shows just next to the buckle. The back of the buckle has an adjuster to shorten the belt. Leave some belt room to grow into, cut off the excess (intended for adults) and zig-zag stitch the end on the cut off belt.

The troop has a uniform exchange in the Scout Room where you can donate and take free uniform items.