

# Conduct, Uniforms and Administration

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# Appearance & Conduct

## Standards of Appearance

- You represent NCAC and BSA
- You're part of a team (just like a high school basketball team)
- You have to play in full uniform
- You have to be in proper uniform to get on the plane
- \* Contingent leader makes the decisions



# APPEARANCE

- We are on an official Boy Scout activity
- We are members of a team (just like a sports team)
- We wear the appropriate uniform properly, and proudly
- General Rules:
  - Class “A” uniform – for airline travel and evening meals – also upon arrival at Philmont on first day
    - Proper uniform pants (with belt), or shorts with Scout socks, and appropriate uniform shirt
    - No neckerchief or other neckware required
    - Hat acceptable as long as it is BSA or no-logo
    - No merit badge or OA sashes, medals, etc. – keep patches basic
    - Tennis shoes and white or Scout [req. if shorts!] socks acceptable
    - No knives – even in the pockets
  - Class “B” uniform – for bus travel, sightseeing
    - Official contingent T-shirt replaces uniform shirt
- Only the Contingent Leader can adjust the uniform requirements to meet unusual requirements
- Individual crew advisors cannot adjust uniform requirements for their crews without the approval of the Contingent Leader



# Uniform Requirements

Class A for travel and meals

Uniform shirt – tucked in

Scout shorts or pants w/ scout belt

- No “look-alikes”

Scout socks if shorts are worn

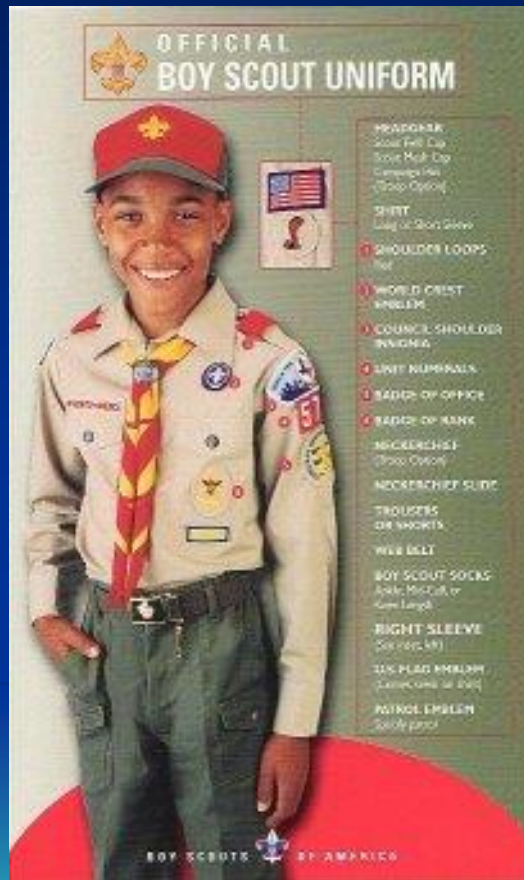
Do not wear MB or O/A sashes

Class B for on the bus and sightseeing

NCAC t-shirt (wear beneath uniform shirt)



# Uniform Examples (good?)



# Uniform Requirements

APPLIES TO SCOUTS

APPLIES TO ADVISORS

APPLIES TO EVERYONE!

NO UNIFORM, NO PLANE TICKET



# Standards of Conduct & Behavior

You represent NCAC and BSA

Uphold the Scout Oath, and Law

Contingent leader makes the decisions

Eliminate any problems within the crew before departure — prep hikes are where you learn!

Problems are rare. Youth who trek Philmont are elite among Scouts.

Make sure Scouts are *physically and emotionally* prepared for the trek



# Conduct & Discipline

Advisor should attempt to deal with any discipline-related issues that arise

If additional action needs to be taken:

During travel: notify Contingent Leader, who will take appropriate action

On the trail: notify the nearest staff camp

- If additional resources are needed, Philmont will dispatch a Chaplain or a member of Ranch Mgmt.
- Contingent Leader and NCAC staff will be notified





# Conduct & Discipline

“Problem” Scouts are usually those who have no desire to go to Philmont and are being “forced” to go by their parents and/or unit leaders

Problems:

Warning (discussion with scout & advisor)

“Jail time” (limitation of privileges)

“Death sentence” (immediate trip home)



# Administration

Admin is very easy: do all the paperwork!

Attend all the training!



# Paperwork

Advisors: Make sure you have...

- There is NO MORE Tour Permit/Plan
- Completed crew roster (available online)
- Completed talent release roster (w/ signatures)
- Medical forms (the “\$2,000 mistake”)
  - 3 signatures/3 P's: Participant, Parent, Physician
  - Photocopy of insurance card (front and back)
- First Aid/CPR cards – WFA training REQUIRED
- Youth Protection & Hazardous Weather Trainings
- Permission slips for OTC medicine
- Emergency contact info



# Admin

- Camperships - Philmont is expensive!
  - Applications will be available (on NCAC website)
  - Applications are considered as they are submitted
  - Application Deadline is mid-January 2018
    - But "sooner is better"
  - Based on financial need
  - Applicant is expected to contribute
- Also available direct-to-unit (only ONE person)



# Before You Go...

Conduct final meeting w/ participants and parents  
(One to two weeks before departure)

- Final gear and uniform check
- Review of trail itinerary
- Review travel plans
- Emergency contact info
  - Parents should not call except for extreme emergency
  - Use HAC phone tree instead of calling Philmont
- Establish POC for phone tree at home
- Encourage parents to send mail to Scouts for both before and after trek...a big morale booster

