

EQUIPMENT for New Scouts

The minimum essential equipment is the **Boy Scout Handbook** and a shirt with patches.

These can be obtained online at:

<http://www.scoutstuff.org>

or at the Scout Shop located at the NW corner of Cedar Lane and Rockville Pike

9190 Rockville Pike

Bethesda, MD 20814-3897

301-564-1091

Hours of Operation:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9 am – 5:30 pm

Thursday 9 am – 8 pm

Saturday 10 am – 3 pm

(for placement of patches see **Boy Scout Handbook** inside front & rear covers)

- Official Shirt.** Short or long sleeve (most boys prefer short)(in cold, boys sometimes wear long-sleeve shirt underneath)(in all weather boys usually wear T-shirt underneath, so that they can take off uniform shirt when not needed) - Synthetic blend preferred (all-cotton wrinkles badly).
- Shoulder Epaulets (aka loops)(pair) – Green (recently replaced Red) – signifying Boy Scouts.**
- Right Sleeve - US Flag - Usually comes on shirt.**
- Left Sleeve - National Capital Area Council (NCAC) patch (Commemorative version is ok).**
- Left Sleeve - Unit Numerals - 255 (for Troop 255).**
(Mr. Rose has a limited supply of patches that have all the numerals as one piece.)

Optional Stuff

- Optional - Left Sleeve - Veteran Unit Bar – 50 years (some boys have it, most don't).**
- Optional - Front Left Pocket – World Crest (goes above pocket)(some have, some don't).**
- Optional - Front Left Pocket - Arrow of Life (if earned as Cub Scout)(goes below pocket).**
- Optional - Front Left Pocket - Religious Emblem (if earned as Cub Scout)(goes above pocket).**
- Official Pants - Optional (some boys have them, some don't). Wear something close to olive drab. BSA now sells a very nice synthetic uniform pant that has zip-off legs. Or you can buy non-official olive drab hiking pants with zip-off legs (these are very popular and can be worn for formal occasions, outdoor activities, and school). For summer camp some boys get Official shorts. These can be worn for formal occasions, don't have to be hemmed, and aren't grown-out-of so frequently. In any event, synthetic blend is better than cotton for camping. Cotton is discouraged since it is so heavy when wet and is very slow to dry.**
- Official Belt - Optional (To be worn with Official pants that do not have a built in belt). Official belt is olive drab web with BSA buckle. Will only work with pants that have belt loops. The new zip-off-leg BSA pants come with a built-in belt.**

□ **Official Socks - Optional (most boys don't have them). If you buy Official socks, suggest you buy the synthetic hiking socks, sold at the Scout Store - they can be used with uniform and for outdoor activities. When it comes time for hiking, Scout will need synthetic liner socks (usually white) and synthetic blend or wool outer socks.**

NECKERCHIEF, HAT, MERIT BADGE SASH, SHOES

Neckerchief & Hat – Not worn by our Troop.

Merit Badge Sash – Comes later when Scout has merit badges (not usually worn until Star rank).

Shoes – Wear whatever you have. For outdoor activities, Scout will need well-fitting boots. Key here is to leave plenty of room for two pair of socks (liner and outer) plus wiggle room. New boots should be broken in, if necessary, before hiking. Gore-Tex (or equivalent waterproofing) is terrific, but costs more (some boys have, some don't).