

## MEMORANDUM

**To: USA Contingent Membership**  
**Subj: USA Contingent Uniform Policy**



The following information is shared in regard to the Uniform policy that the USA Contingent has adopted for the 2019 World Scout Jamboree.

### **Travel Uniform**

Youth and unit leaders will wear the official BSA uniform while traveling to and from the 2019 WSJ to be held at The Summit Bechtel Reserve. It is also anticipated that the official BSA uniform will be worn by unit participants and IST members to the WSJ opening ceremonies and other formal events at the Jamboree. The official uniform is described as:

Scout / Venturer / Sea Scout shirt	Scout / Venturer / Sea Scout shorts/trousers
Scout / Venturer / Sea Scout socks	BSA 2019 World Scout Jamboree neckerchief*

Additional insignia to be worn on the Travel Uniform:

Region specific Contingent shoulder strip	Badge of rank, left pocket
Jamboree unit numeral (optional)	Jamboree nameplate (optional)
Jamboree badge of office	The World Scout Emblem (above left pocket)
USA Contingent patch (optional; right pocket)	Messenger of Peace wreath (above left pocket)

\*Official Neckerchiefs and Patches: Official jamboree contingent patches and neckerchiefs will be sent to participating youth, unit leaders, and the International Service Team (IST). Official 2019 WSJ patch will be presented to participants upon their arrival at the Jamboree site.

Participants traveling by bus may wish to bring a pair of sweatpants or something similar to change into during bus travel, and then change into travel uniform before any intermediate stops or arrival at the Jamboree site.

### **Activities Uniform**

The activities uniform for youth and unit leaders will be a Scout / Venturer / Sea Scout t-shirt (and/or activities shirt), Scout / Venturer / Sea Scout shorts or pants, socks, and neckerchiefs. For some jamboree activities appropriate swimwear will be worn.

- Scouting / Venturing / Sea Scout headgear shall be the only type of headgear worn
- Only Scout / Venturer / Sea Scout or plain t-shirts may be worn.
- Only Scout belts and belt buckles may be worn.
- No pendant awards, or merit badge sashes are to be worn
- Only unit leaders are permitted to wear Regional crest patches on their right sleeve.
- Order of the Arrow members are permitted to bring their sashes for a meet-up and photo opportunity during a specifically designated day at the WSJ (not to be worn otherwise).

### **International Service Team (IST)**

IST members will wear appropriate uniforms during the Jamboree, similar to those described above. Many IST will also be assigned to program or support teams that may have various colored activities uniform shirts. They are appropriate for wear.

While IST are not required to travel in uniform, it is a very good way to show the flag. However, you will be required to check-in at the Ruby Welcome Center in uniform.

### **WSJ Cultural Day**

Appropriate and unique clothing representing a specific area of the USA may be worn for Cultural Day. However, it is intended that these unique clothing articles will be worn only on Cultural Day. They must be in good taste, and reflect proudly on your area of the country.

### **General Reminder Points**

Most of the time at the WSJ, participants and leaders will be wearing a scout t-shirt or activities shirt, scout shorts or pants, and a neckerchief. In that everyone will be very active during the day, and the weather will likely be warm and humid, you're reminded to dress accordingly. Participants will be issued a contingent neckerchief and a WSJ neckerchief (or necker). The specifically colored WSJ necker indicates that you are an official participant. All participants and IST members will also be issued a security credential (wrist lanyard) that must be worn at all times.

Because transportation by foot is the primary means of getting around the Jamboree site, a pair of well broken in foot gear and appropriate socks are strongly suggested. All other shoes worn around the jamboree site must be closed toe.

### **Uniform Limitations**

The following uniform limitations apply:

- Jeans are not considered a part of the BSA uniform, and are therefore not appropriate to bring.
- Swimsuits may be worn for aquatic activities. Female swimsuits must be modest and be either a one-piece or a tankini. Bikinis may be worn but the top must be covered with a solid-color shirt (T-shirt, long-sleeve shirt or buttoned-up button shirt) at all times (avoid the color white and other light / transparent colored shirts). Male swimsuits must be modest – tight fitting swim briefs (Speedos) or swim bottoms short enough to allow exposure are not allowed. When not participating in an aquatic activity, all swimsuits must be covered with appropriate clothing (shirts and shorts / pants) at all times.
- Flip-flops should only be worn in your camp site or in shower houses; since they are not closed-toe, they are not suitable to wear around the jamboree site.
- Leggings may not be worn as uniform "bottoms" in and of themselves, but may be worn as an under layer to shorts or pants for warmth.
- Mixed Uniforms - There will be no mixing of uniforms within a specific type of unit. (i.e. Venturing and Scouts BSA uniforms will not be worn in same unit). Where a site is shared by two different types of units, each type of unit will wear their appropriate uniform.
- Do not bring shirts or hats with images or messages that do not conform to the principles of the Scout Oath or Law. ***NO POLITICAL STATEMENT SHIRTS OR HATS ARE ALLOWED.***
- Shirts need to be worn at all times (by both males and females), including when walking/relaxing around the campsite.
- In that some Scouts may trade uniform parts, in addition to the classic neckerchief/necker trading, all are reminded to ensure they have a full uniform for travel home. So if you are going to trade uniforms, make sure you have an extra one to wear home.

**As a USA Contingent member from one of the three Host countries, wear your uniform proudly. Remember... "When you look good, you feel good, and when you feel good you do good!"**