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THE PURPOSE OF UNIFORMS IN THE BSA

Leaders and youth members wear a BSA uniform because it is a means of identifying ourselves openly with the principles and aims to which we are committed: character development, citizenship training, and physical and mental fitness. The fact that youth and adult members of Scouting wear a uniform doesn't mean that we're all alike. We come from different backgrounds, with different religious beliefs and political views. We are each individuals, with our own family traditions and loyalties. The uniform is not intended to hide our individuality, but it is a way we give each other strength and support. It is a bond that ties us together in making visible our commitments to a belief in God, to loyalty to our country, and to helping other people.

The Scouting movement is built on positive values. As we wear the uniform, we are openly identifying ourselves with those values. We stand together, not alone, in encouraging others to live by those same values. Boys and adults alike

should take pride in belonging to such a movement and wear the uniform as it is intended.

UNIFORM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Wearing the uniform signifies membership in the BSA and commitment to its aims. There are certain rules about how and where the uniform should be worn. Furthermore, there is a correct place on the uniform for each badge and insignia. The national Cub Scout Committee, made up of volunteer Scouters from around the country, has the responsibility of setting the standards for the Cub Scouting uniforms. No changes or alterations in the uniform or badges may be made without its approval.

All Cub Scout leaders should become familiar with the rules and regulations on uniforming so that they can set a good example for the boys (see Chapter 8, "Cub Scout Policies").

