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Posted 8-2-2001 14:50

Every since the Uniform Poll was launched, many of you have sent emails with comments about the Uniform. Now is your chance to post them for others to read. If you like, or don't like the current Scouts Canada Uniform, or have any comments about the current Uniform, then post them here. Remember that youth may also read and add comments, if they so wish.

Chairperson [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



I am

Posted 8-3-2001 23:24

pleased with the uniform as it is. Easy to wash and maintain. The only beef I have is the hat. I was disappointed when they discontinued the beret as part of the uniform, and feel that they should have implemented a more practical hat in its place. Our group has adopted a policy that all sections, except Beavers, wear the tilly as part of their uniform, especially for public activities like parades.

Baston from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



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Posted 8-28-2001 14:52

I am an active member at troop level. The youth in our troop were not happy to lose out headgear but we as well adopted the tilly style hat for all meetings and outings.

Bewared - I saw a memo for the National Commissioner that suggested the uniform is only need be used for special ceremonies. I have a feeling that national may do away with the uniform in an effort to get numbers up.

Baston

Dawn [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



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Posted 11-3-2001 23:24

I think that the uniform is not a reason for lack of membership. My beavers all love the fact that they belong to something and they wear their uniform proudly to show it! I think that leaders need to help their youth understand how special a uniform can be. As for declining membership, no one knows that scouts is out there any more.

Lee Everett [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



I like the Uniform

Posted 1-14-2002 02:39

Hi my names Lee Everett. Im part of [1st Springhill Venturers](#). All of my company likes the uniforms. We even have our own baseball hat to replace the semi useless beret. The hat is also a good way to identify our own group. The uniform is a good for identification. If you go up to someones house and ask for money for Scout tree's or something while wearing baggy pants and a t-shirt chances are they wont sponsor you. If we get rid of the uniform we could just become one of those faceless/nameless oranzitions.

John Baxter [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



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Posted 2-15-2002 19:41

I think it is time for all adult leaders, group committee and council members to take a decisive issue on the uniform. As far as I am concerned, the mish mash we have now is a disgrace. We need head gear. for lack of anything better the tilly style had serves a great purpose. The blue colour does not show the dirt, and more important it is durable, especially with youth. Secondly, get rid of the sash. They look sloppy most of the time, especially on smaller kids. They are also dangerous as they can get caught on things. Kids can earn badges for housekeeping. Let them sew the badges on the shirt. It them becomes a keepsake the time they spent in Scouting for the rest of their lives. They in can turn show it off to their children.

Its time we get with the program, lets look good, act good, and be good about the uniform. Stop changing it every few years,(I have no room for any more).

Comments please.

David Burns [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



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Posted 2-18-2002 16:48

Get off the uniform kick folks.

I agree that there are shortcomings to the sash but sewing the badges on the shirt will not work either as the shirt can go with the youth from section to section.

T. Sayers [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



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Posted 2-20-2002 15:01

Some folks are worried about the disappearance of the uniform.It will never happen . National knows there would be too many groups go back to staves and stetsons if they blew it wide open and free.

Scouter Ken [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



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Posted 3-7-2002 03:38

The uniform's OK, though a useful hat like a Tilley or baseball cap would be a good addition.

Forget about putting badges on the shirt though. Not only can a Cub take his shirt onto Scouts, but a Scout can hand it down to a sibling or to a new Cub who can't afford a new one.

Besides a sash makes a better keepsake for badges than a shirt. I doubt there's enough room on a shirt for some of my high achievers and the badges risk being ripped off in some activities.

Chairperson [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



Vest

Posted 3-11-2002 14:06

If the sash is not desirable maybe a sleeveless vest to be worn over the shirt where the badges can be worn would work. The trim of each vest could be color coded to coincide with the section represented.

Grant Millard [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



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Posted 9-9-2002 02:58

Right on!

Evil Scouter BC [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



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 Posted 11-22-2002 06:48

I was in scouting as a young boy on Vancouver Island, and today I am a troupe Scouter, Commissioner, Group Committie Member, and Group Registrar, in Northern Region. And in my opinion if the uniform dissappears so do !! Proud to wear MY uniform.

Scouter E [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



What BP said

 Posted 12-17-2002 22:50

In a reply concerning the uniform issue our past National Commissioner quoted BP that "he cared not a fig about whether the scout wore the uniform". It was only about a tenth of the quote, here is the rest of the story,

"But the fact is that there is hardly a Scout who does not wear a uniform if he can afford to buy it.

The Spirit prompts him to it. The same rule applies naturally to those who carry on the Scout Movement - the Scoutmasters and the Commissioners; there is no obligation on them to wear uniform if they don't like it; at the same time they have, in their positions, to think of others rather than themselves.

"Personally I put on uniform even if I have only a Patrol to inspect because I am sure it raises the moral tone of the boys. It heightens their estimation of their uniform when they see it is not beneath a grown man to wear it; it heightens their estimation of themselves when they find themselves taken seriously by men who also count it of importance to be in the same Brotherhood with them."

BP actually cared a lot about whether a scout wore a uniform. He wanted us to lead by example so that the Scouts are willing to wear the uniform. Just about any young person will whine about just about anything but the fact of the matter is that almost every scout is actually proud to wear the uniform. I have also heard scouts say they don't care about badges but I keep track of their work along with the rest. I have, in ten years, yet to have a scout refuse the badge when presented and have yet to not see the badge on his/her sash within a very short time.

If we follow BP's advice the uniform issue is actually a non-issue and National Leadership should stop making it an issue and just let the leaders deal with it in their own way. Rovers are adults and will do what ever they like, Ventures are too old to be told what to do and will wear the uniform when they want to do so. Scouts are still at an age where guidance is very important, where they are learning to be part of a team. Leaving the issue soley to youth at the Scout level would be to abdicating our responsibility as leaders. Leaders cannot be told that they may not exercise guidance on this issue but that they must accept the rule of the scouts. This would be irresponsible.

The Boys and Girls Clubs do not have a uniform. That organization is quite capable of carrying on a program for youth who do not want to wear a uniform. Scouting has a uniform. Despite what our past National Commissioner has quoted on the subject, we should look at the context and read the real message that BP gave.










paul frampton [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



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 Posted 1-11-2003 03:36

We took a poll of our cub pack who constantly griped about their uniform. Turns out that when put to a vote 90% of our cubs WANTED the uniform. The sash is cumbersome and i think the vest idea is great. Most of our leaders and some of our kids already have vests that they put their camp crests on. Lets hope national reads forums like this and takes the hint!

scoutercolin [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada	
vest uniforms?	 Posted 2-10-2003 02:17
<p>Funny, but when we polled our troop during a recent camp. They voted the vest uniform out! They won't wear it. They prefer to have their tan shirt/sash uniforms. They comment about the the vested uniform was they didn't want to look like janitors.</p> <p>So does this mean, we don't have to force them to change to the vest for 2003-04 year? Guess not since they have spoken, and want to keep the tan shirt ones.</p> <p>We as leaders figure that a scout shirt and adornments are historical and too important to reduce to a question of "coolness or fun" as the national youth committee concluded from their research of youth.</p> <p>I think they confuse historical and symbolic dress uniform to fashion. Can the uniform be a barrier? Sure, but then again, if its that much of a barrier to membership, what about the increasing membership fees?</p> <p>Lets work to reduce the cost of providing a program which will attract youth instead of pouring our efforts into attracting cash for new uniforms.</p>	
Rover [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada	
Uniform	 Posted 3-7-2003 05:07
<p>a uniform is a uniform is a uniform.... I think National is going to the wrong way. I think it's program at needs to be change. not the uniform. Why a vest. What are we a 3rd rate youth group</p> <p>P.S. I'm a not just a Rover, I'm past Scout leader,Sea Scout leader</p>	
Raceboy from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada	
Uniform Issues	 Posted 3-22-2003 07:05
<p>I've just seen the new uniform for the upcoming season, and to be honest with you it makes me sick. The first thing I heard is that it will be cheaper than the current tan shirt. Well, totalled up it comes out to \$15 more than what we have now. And when we go to a World Scouting event, we are going to look like fools! I started a big e-mail thing before the last National Youth Committee meetings, and in 1 week we had almost 100 replies to it. The main thing behind it all was that our current NYC chair made it her personal goal to get rid of the uniform. This is the same person who does not attend camps in her own province, and has not actively participated in the organization for anything more than to be on the NYC. I think there is just a small problem there.</p>	
ScoutLeader [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada	
When is uniform not	 Posted 4-10-2003 21:28
<p>Think about the options a youth can turn up in and still have "OFFICIAL" uniform. Activity wear - 3 T-shirt colors with 2 types of pant (short/long) in 2 colors gives 12 combinations. Now add the "shirt and tie" options (2 colors & 2 style of pant) and lets not forget the "tan" options (1 shirts plus 2 stype of pant sadly only 1 color). Thats 18 combinations! Now add a few females to the mix with the skirt/dress options... I thought "uniform meant something about being the same!</p>	
Col_Hathi from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada	

My Uniform Thoughts

 Posted 6-27-2003 02:29

I am not too crazy about the new Scouts Canada Uniform change! I feel the traditional uniform should be kept & worn for ceremonies and special occasions. The t-shirt idea is good, but only as an alternative for certain field trips & camps. Keep the troop as one color, and give the youth the option of having a second t-shirt of the color of their choice. As for head gear,,, the stetson would be nice, I have seen packs & troops adopt the tilly hat, ball caps even toques. And here again, worn together as a pack or troop.... well not all at once, mind you it would be an interesting meeting. Bottom line here is that I am for keeping the traditions of Scouting. Let's proudly stand out. YiS Jim

gunaquot from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada

Uniform shirts

 Posted 9-29-2003 03:16

Here's some input from south of the border:


Having seen Scouts Canada uniforms at Tamaracouta Scout Reserve this summer, I would tend to agree that most badges that currently are worn on sashes should not go on shirts. Here in the USA, the shoulder loops change color and Cub Scout den and rank patches come off, but that's about it. I've never known the changeover to be a problem. I might feel differently if I had to remove badge after badge from sleeves or pockets.

Here, the only time that you will usually see sashes on our Scouts will be at Courts of Honor or other ceremonies; and the only thing that you will see there will be merit badges (our religious awards are indicated by a silver-on-purple square knot, for example). If our Cub Scouts used sashes of this sort, I'd certainly want to see them "retired" after the crossover. Whenever my daughter has crossed over from Brownies to Juniors and now Cadettes, in the Girl Scouts, she has left her badges on her old "retired" uniforms, partly because no one wants the headache of transferring them all. I'm sure that no one up your way wants that sort of headache either.

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 Posted 3-15-2004 19:59

youth not wanting to wear the uniform is nothing new .I am 46 and i remember as a cub i wore my uniform to meetings and church parade and for outings no where else,it might get ruined and my parents had to pay for it.Scouts back then were complainig about the uniform too and would not wear it if they could get away with it.So why now do we have to change our policy? is scouts canada looking for a scapegoat for falling membership?Better to look at rising costs lack of service from service scouters and scout house's costs,and what real value if any we get back for our registration fees.