

## Scouts Canada's New Uniforms

# "Lookin' Good!"

by Ian Mitchell



**Cool, fun and challenging.** That's what Scouts Canada programs are, and what we want people to know. Members of our senior sections (Scouts, Venturers and Rovers) can now choose from the following exciting uniform options when participating in program or formal Scouting activities.

### Program Activity Uniform

This uniform is appropriate to wear to weekly meetings, to camps, while travelling, and on outings. Let's consider some questions and answers that members may have.

**Q:** Who may wear the new uniform?

**A:** All members of senior sections (i.e. Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and their leaders) may wear the uniform.

**Q:** What uniform options will a Scout, Venturer or Rover choose from?

**A:** The member will choose either the tan shirt we have today, or the new t-shirt and vest option.

**Q:** How will youths display badges?

**A:** For the immediate future, the sash will remain the appropriate method for youths to display their badges. The sash is typical-

ly worn during opening and closing ceremonies, and investitures.

**Q:** What do leaders give out at an investiture ceremony?

**A:** They may present group badges, along with the group necker. Only those who wear the traditional shirt will receive epaulets.

**Q:** How do we identify those who have earned the

**A:** Chief Scout or Queen's Venturer Award?  
They will wear the Chief Scout or Queen's Venturer Award woggle.

**Formal Uniform**

This uniform is appropriate to wear for major award ceremonies, civic meetings, and Remembrance Day ceremonies. Let's consider some questions and answers that members may have.

**Q:** What options will a Scout, Venturer or Rover choose from?

**A:** The member will choose either the tan shirt we have today or the new white shirt and Scout tie option.

**Q:** Is the tie worn by everyone?

**A:** There is only one tie for both youths and adults. Female members who do not wish to wear a tie may substitute the section lapel pin.

**Q:** May youth members wear the sash with the new uniform option?

**A:** Yes, they may if members wish to display badges while in formal uniform.

**Q:** What about pants?

**A:** For the new uniform option, blue or tan pants are the approved colour for formal wear. Only blue pants will be worn with the traditional uniform.

**Q:** What about female members?

**A:** For formal activities, females may wear blue or tan pants or skirt with a white blouse, or a blue or tan dress. They may also opt to wear either the Scout tie or section lapel pin.

**Ready for the Future**

Youth members asked for these uniform changes, and Scouts Canada is committed to giving them outdoor wear that is both appropriate and something they can feel proud wearing anywhere.

See you on the trail! X

**INFORMATION FOR SCOUTERS**

by Mike Scott

While leaders will still provide guidance to youth members about appropriate dress for a particular event, the final decision rests with youth members. In the case of the activity uniform, the decision on which specific combination of clothing items to wear is an individual choice made by the youth. Normally, the Court of Honour or the Company/Crew Executive will make the decision on when to wear the activity versus formal uniform.

In conjunction with the new uniform for youth members, the following are guidelines for appropriate dress by leaders.

1. Leaders are permitted to wear the new activity uniform options when an event has been designated as appropriate for the activity uniform option. However, leaders may wear the traditional uniform if they choose.
2. For formal occasions, leaders may wear the shirt and tie option only if all youths in their section are wearing shirt and tie, or the appropriate alternatives for female members. If any youth wears a traditional uniform all Scouters should do so as well.

- Mike Scott is Scouts Canada's National Commissioner.

**B.-P. Wrote About the Uniform**

"The correct wearing of the Uniform and smartness of turnout of the individual Scout makes him a credit to our Movement. It shows his pride in himself and in his Troop."

- Scouting for Boys

With Scouts Canada's new direction in uniform for Scouts, Venturers and Rovers, B.-P.'s words continue to hold great relevance. Youths and leaders must wear our new uniform options with pride, and keep themselves looking neat and tidy. Wear well-sized, clean t-shirts; like our traditional Scouting shirt, this will still generate youthful pride in themselves and the Movement, as B.-P. had intended.

	Program Activity Uniform		Formal Activity Uniform		
	T-Shirt	Tan Shirt		Tie option	Tan Shirt
Footwear	Free Choice	Free Choice	Footwear	Black or Brown Shoes	Black or Brown Shoes
Pants	Navy Blue or Tan	Navy Blue	Pants/Skirt/Dress*	Navy Blue or Tan	Navy Blue
Shorts	Navy Blue or Tan	Navy Blue			
Shirt	Green, Grey or Orange	Tan	Shorts	Navy Blue or Tan	Navy Blue
Vest	BOTA Green and Black Fleece	Not Required	Shirt/Blouse*	White	Tan
Sash	Yes, optional	Yes, if appropriate	Sash	Yes, if desired	Yes
Necker	Group or National - if appropriate	Group or National	Necker	No	Group or National
			* Female members Note: Female members may substitute the section lapel pin for the tie.		