

Pack 455 New Scout Family Basics

YOUR UNIFORM: Class A is a button up shirt with Northern Star Council and Pack 455 Insignia tucked into navy/denim pants. It is blue for Lion, Tiger, Wolf and Bear rank. It is khaki (tan) for Webelos. Neckerchief with slide and belt are also traditionally worn in our pack.

WEAR YOUR CLASS A to pack meetings, den meetings, pack volunteering, and other activities where it is requested.

Class B means your pack t-shirt. These are tie-dye blue on top with red/white vertical stripes on the bottom half and Chief Black Dog Pack 455 insignia printed on the left chest area. Wear these to activities where suggested in place of your Class A.

RED VEST or SASH can be worn in addition to the scout uniform. Any badges or pins that are not part of the Class A uniform, can be worn on the vest or sash—polar camp, summer camp, special event, sport & academic letter and pins, special awards, etc. Your pride and participation segments may as well. Pride vest are available at the scout shop.

DEN/PATROL: Dens (often called patrols for our Webelos rank), are the smaller groups of same rank and age boys. Dens meet once or twice each month outside of pack meetings. Fall & winter den meetings generally work towards earning rank while spring meetings work on special awards.

DEN PLAN: Each den has a plan of when they will meet and what they will cover at each meeting. If you miss a meeting, ask your den leader how you can best make up for what you missed.

PACK: The Pack is all our scouts—all the dens/patrols. We are Pack 455 (Unit #9455) of Chief Black Dog District and Northern Star Council. We have a pack meeting once a month during the school year; typically at Red Pine on the second Monday of the month.

PACK DUES: Pack Dues cover the general expenses of the pack—facilities rental for meetings and events, software, supplies, etc.—as well as typically earned awards. They do not cover camp food, camp fees, awards not commonly earned, entrance fees to special events or venues, or District/Council camps. The pack generally has a fundraiser in the fall and in the winter. Visit the Pack 455 web site Finances page for full details. The pack payments should be made by personal check or money order unless made online via the pack purchase page.

BLUE & GOLD: This is an annual event in mid-February that celebrates the anniversary of Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Our pack tradition is for boys to strive to achieve their rank requirements by Blue & Gold. Every scout is recognized for their hard work in this ceremony and ranks earned are presented. Senior Webelos (fifth graders) usually graduate and transition into a Boy Scout Troop at this ceremony. It is typically a weekend afternoon with about an hour of ceremony followed by a short intermission followed by about an hour of entertainment.

BOBCAT: This is the first formal rank earned in Cub Scouts. It is the foundation for the ranks of Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos. To earn it a boy learns the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, meaning of WeBeLoS, scout sign, scout salute, scout handshake, and basic child abuse prevention methods along with their guardian.

RANKS: Kindergarten aged boys hold the honorary rank of Lion Cub. After earning Bobcat, older boys work on earning ranks according to their grade level: Tiger for boys in First Grade; Wolf for boys in Second Grade; Bear for boys in Third Grade; and Webelos for boys in Fourth and Fifth Grade. After achieving Webelos, boys work to earn the esteemed Arrow of Light before graduating.

AKELA: This is a leader for the scout(s)—a parent, a guardian, a scout leader, a Cub Master, etc.

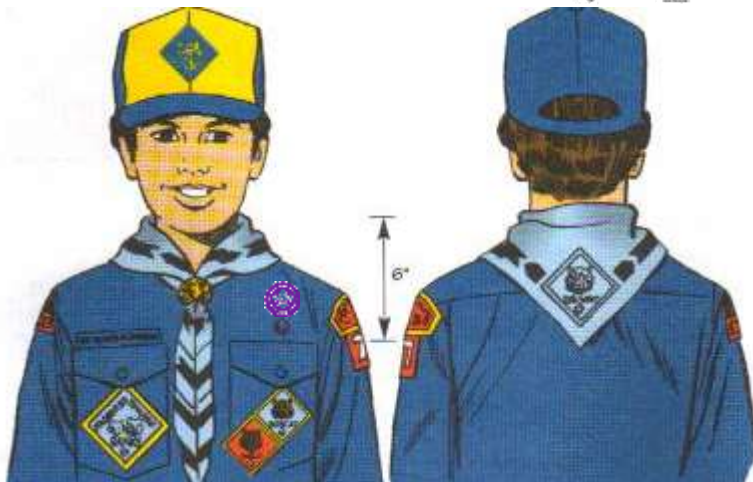
Pack455.weebly.com is our pack web site. Our web site outlines pack policies as well as holds our calendar and documents.

SCOUT HANDBOOK: Outlines rank requirements and electives. Mark what your scout completes as it is completed. Checklists are typically towards the front or at the very back of each handbook.

UNIFORM INSIGNIA-PATCH PLACEMENT



PACK PRIDE PATCH MAY BE WORN AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RIGHT POCKET WITH PARTICIPATION SEGMENTS PLACED AROUND IT.



RED PRIDE VEST



Patches and pins not worn on the uniform may be worn on a red felt pride vest (sometimes called a brag vest). There are patterns on the web or they can be purchased for about \$14 at a Scout Shop. Although there are not any rules on patch placement on the pride vest, we do recommend the Pack 455 Pride Patch be centered on the back of the vest for segments to circle. An active scout will have a large circle or participation segments. The vest may be worn unless requested otherwise for an official event.



▲ Example of a Pack 455 Wolf Scout uniform after ranking.

◀ Neckerchief example showing how to fold and wear.

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