



GATEWAY REGION  
ORDER OF THE ARROW

Congratulations on your election to a Section Office within the Order of the Arrow! You now represent a combination of lodges (not just yourself as an individual), and it's important that you look the part to ensure your section looks good!

Within this document, you'll find the most up-to-date guidelines for what Section Officers are expected to wear. At all times, the Guide to Insignia should be followed, as well as any local or directed guidelines.

### Field "Class A" Uniform

- Uniform Shirt - Wear the shirt your home unit wears. (example: registered as a Venturer, wear green; in a troop wear tan, etc.) See further for specific patches.
  - POLYWOOLS ARE NOT REQUIRED.** If you have them, wear them, but don't worry if you don't own any.
- Long Green Pants - BSA Cargo Pants or Polywool Pants
- Shorts - BSA Cargo Shorts or Polywool Shorts or BSA Skirt
- Socks - BSA Socks
- Nice Shoes
  - Recommended: brown dress shoes to be worn with long pants (ex. Oxfords)
  - Recommended: brown sperry's/loafers to be worn with shorts.
  - Clean, Minimalistic Shoes (in neutral colors, especially black) work fine

- BSA Green Web Belt or Brown Leather Belt with Relevant Buckle - No camp web belts/troop belts
- Name Tag - If you have it, it should be relevant & worn right above the red BSA strip.
- White Undershirt
- Watches/Jewelry - Nothing crazy/distracting
- OA Sash

### **Uniform Patches**

Your uniform as a Section Chief should represent the section, and not the troop or other program (NYLT, etc.) Ideally, the uniform will have the minimal amount of patches & accessories while still conveying your position & location.

- Wearer's Right Uniform Sleeve - Gateway Region Patch, centered underneath the American Flag. See Image.
- Wearer's Left Uniform Sleeve - Standard Issue Council CSP
  - Troop Numbers are allowed, but highly discouraged. You ideally should have a uniform representing your section duties & a separate one for your home unit.
- Standard Issue Lodge Flap
- Appropriate Rank Patch and/or appropriate knots (facing the right way)
- BSA Green Loops
- Purple World Crest
- World Crest Ring (not required/necessary but common and acceptable)
- National Event Patch (NSJ 23, NOAC 2024 etc. if you have it) above lodge flap
- NLS Dangler, Founders Award, OAHA Dangler, or most recent OA Event Dangler should be worn underneath the lodge flap. Only one dangler should be worn at a time. No dangler should be worn on the wearer's left pocket.
- Eagle Scout Mentor Pin, Arrow Pride Pin, Vigil Pin if you have them. Only one pin should be worn at a time.

## Activity “Class B” Uniform

The Class B Uniform is commonly seen during activity time at events, like afternoons at Conclaves. Be sure to double check what the Uniform code is before switching.

- Scouting Related Polo - A Scouting T-shirt is acceptable
- Scout Shorts/Pants or Polywool Shorts/Pants
- Belt - BSA Green Web Belt or Brown Leather Belt with Relevant Buckle. No Camp Web Belts/Troop Belts
- BSA Socks
- Appropriate Shoes - Wear shoes appropriate for the activities you’ll be doing
- White Undershirt



## **Civilian Clothing - “Civies”**

Civies are commonly worn when out-and-about outside of an event (ie. travelling to/from an event or an official/approved offsite activity). Specific guidance on what is to be worn is much more relaxed. The important thing is that you **DO NOT TRAVEL IN YOUR FIELD UNIFORM** when travelling by yourself and wear comfortable clothes that are Scout-appropriate (in terms of condition, coverage, and content). An example outfit could include a basic sports team t-shirt with jeans and sneakers.