

# Welcome New Scout!

So now you've joined the Boy Scouts of Troop 66! Wow! Most new scouts ask me two questions just after they sign up: "**What do I recommend we get first?**" and "**Where do I get my uniforms and Scout Stuff?**"

## What do we recommend you get first?

(Prices listed here are from the 2012 BSA Catalog)

The number one item you need is your new "**Boy Scout Handbook**" – This is your beginning guide to everything we do in Scouting. The paperback version works great and cost about \$9.99. It will last longer if you also get the nylon Book Cover that cost another \$9.99. It also has storage for pens, merit badge cards and paper. The coil-bound version works the best and last the longest but cost about \$14.95. There is also a hard-bound version but it gets hard to pack in your backpack with everything else.

Next you need to look like a Scout, so we recommend you obtain an **Official Boy Scout Short-Sleeve Uniform Shirt** – They cost between \$24.99 to \$39.99, depending on your size and the material. You can either purchase a new one from the Northeast Illinois Council (NEIC) Scout Shop or other area Scout Shops or order one online at: scoutstuff.org. Since you will be growing (*and I mean a lot*) over the next few years, we recommend you buy your shirt a little larger, so you don't grow out of it too soon. Also, in Troop 66, we normally have some uniform and camp items that your fellow scouts have outgrown and added to our Troop's Grab Bag. Also, if you or your family finds any Scout items or spare camping equipment that are still useful at a garage sale or bazaar that just needs a new home, bring them in. Someone can always use them.

The Scout Shop also has **Long-Sleeve Scout Shirts**. They cost between \$29.99 to \$44.99, depending on the size and material. These work good for the winter or if your skin is sensitive to the sun. You can wear the Short Sleeve year-round, with either the Scout shorts or pants, so the Short-Sleeve Shirt is the better choice.

Now you need the Patches for your new Shirt and they include:

One – **World Scout Crest Emblem** – Cost \$1.49. This patch goes over your right shirt pocket

One – **Northeast Illinois Council Shoulder Patch** – Cost \$4.00. This patch goes right sleeve at the top.

Two – **Dk Green Number "6's" Patches** – Cost \$1.19 each. For the **Troop 66** Numbers

Two – **Dk Green Shoulder Loops** – Cost \$2.49. Identifies you as a Boy Scout and go on the shirt epaulets.

If you crossed over from Webelos and earned your "**Arrow of Light**" don't forget it too! An extra cost \$1.59

**NOTE:** We **do not** recommend the *Badge Bond* or *Badge Magic Patch Adhesive Kits*. These products basically glue the patches on. You'll be changing your patches as you advance and limit yourself if your new patch doesn't cover the old one. I'd hate to have to buy a new shirt because your shirt got damaged trying to get a patch off. Take the time to sew them on. Come see the Scoutmaster if you don't know how or can't find someone that can sew them on for you.

As for the **Neckerchief and Slide**. In Troop 66, when you earn rank of "*Scout*", we award you with your red with yellow-gold trim Troop neckerchief and your first official BSA slide and "Scout" rank badge. Over the years, you will find or make other slides and unique neckerchiefs. For Court of Honors and ceremonies we use the official ones only. The others are for everyday use. You may want an extra slide around if you have a habit losing things.

This will get you started, for the weekly meetings. Over the next couple of months you are also going to need a pair of the **Official Scout Pants or Shorts** to wear for Court of Honors and whenever you are asked to be in "FULL UNIFORM". The **Scout Trousers** cost between \$34.99 to \$54.99, depending on the size and material. Again, buy them larger 'cause you will grow into them. And don't forget to check the Troop's Grab Bag first.

**Scout Shorts** are also available and feel great while we're at Summer Camp or campout. They cost between \$14.99 to \$44.99 new. Again, check the Grab Bag. If you decide to wear the Scout Shorts, you will need to wear the official **Scout Knee Socks** with them. They cost \$5.99 to \$16.99 depending on the size and material. The Scout Shop also has other styles of socks and work great for hiking and other activities and when in "Full" uniform.

**Official Scout Web Belt and Buckle** – You need to hold your pants or shorts up, so look sharp and get a web belt and buckle. This is another part of the "Full" uniform. They cost \$10.99. Some pants have sewn-in belts.

**Official Boy Scout Cap** - This is usually the first item a new Scout loses, and we don't really push it in the Troop. It's up to you and your new Scout. They cost \$12.99. The Campaign Hat starts at \$94.99.

Check the next page for "**Where do I get my uniforms and Scout Stuff?**"



# Local Scout Shops



[www.ScoutStuff.org](http://www.ScoutStuff.org)

The Northeast Illinois Council (NEIC) serves our northeast Illinois area. Our local council is the source for membership, programs information and is our primary Scout Shop.

### **NORTHEAST ILLINOIS COUNCIL SHOP**

2745 SKOKIE VALLEY ROAD (US41)  
HIGHLAND PARK, IL 60035-1042  
Telephone: 847-433-1813 Ext 630  
(Located on Highway 41 Northbound. From here, take US41 south to Highland Park Road, cross over and come north again. The Scout Office and Shop are just past Pauly Acura on the east side of US41 back in the trees.)

### **Scout Shop Hours \***

#### **Fall, Winter & Spring Hours -**

Below are the new hours which began after Labor Day.

Mon - Fri: 9AM - 6PM

Saturday: 9AM - 1PM

Sunday: Closed

#### **Summer Hours - June, July and August**

Monday thru Friday: 9 AM - 5 PM

These are other official Scouting retailers in the Northeast IL and Southeast WI area.

### **ABERNATHY'S DEPARTMENT STORE**

506 N. SEYMOUR AVENUE  
MUNDELEIN, IL  
Telephone: 847-566-6832

### **Shop Hours \***

Mon - Fri:

Saturday:

Sunday:

### **ACE HARDWARE**

659 W. RAILROAD AVENUE  
ROUND LAKE, IL 60073  
Telephone: 847-546-4668

### **Shop Hours \***

Mon - Fri: 7:30 AM - 9:00 PM

Saturday: 7:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

### **B.J.'S SPORTS CENTER**

927 MAIN STREET  
ANTIOCH, IL 60002  
Telephone: 847-395-6212

### **Shop Hours \***

Mon - Fri:

Saturday:

Sunday:

### **CHICAGO COUNCIL SCOUT SHOP**

1218 WEST ADAMS STREET  
CHICAGO, IL 60607  
Telephone: 312-738-3324

### **Scout Shop Hours \***

Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri: 8:30AM - 5:00PM

Thursday - 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Saturdays: 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

### **JALENSKY'S SPORT & MARINE**

5307 GREEN BAY ROAD  
KENOSHA, WI 53144  
Telephone: 414-654-2260

### **Shop Hours \***

Mon - Fri:

Saturday:

Sunday:

### **SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN CNCL SHOP**

2319 NORTHWESTERN AVENUE  
RACINE, WI 53404-4010  
Telephone: 262-632-1655

### **Scout Shop Hours \***

Mon - Thu: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

If you are unable to locate the products you need at a local Scouting retailer, contact these National Scout shops or call Toll-Free 1-800-323-0732 to order directly from BSA's Scout Stuff.

Check out the new online [Scout Stuff.org](http://ScoutStuff.org) website.

### **NORTHWEST SUBURBAN COUNCIL SHOP**

600 NORTH WHEELING ROAD  
MOUNT PROSPECT, IL 60056-2165  
Telephone: 847-759-9082

### **Scout Shop Hours \***

Monday (our late night) 9 AM – 8 PM

Tue. – Fri. 9 AM – 6 PM

Sat. 9 AM – 1 PM

### **MILWAUKEE COUNCIL SCOUT SHOP**

330 SOUTH 84TH STREET  
MILWAUKEE, WI 53214-1468  
Telephone: 414-453-9777  
This is the biggest Scout Shop in the area!

### **Scout Shop Hours \***

Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri: 8:15 AM - 5:30 PM

Thursday - 8:15 AM - 7:00 PM

Saturdays: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

(thru Memorial Day Weekend)

**\* - Shop Hours and Days are subject to change without notice.**