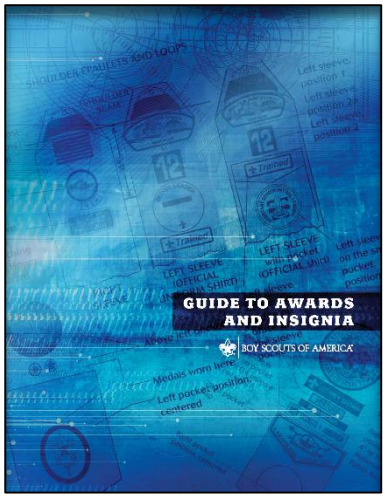

Wearing of Pins on Scout Uniforms

According to the BSA Guide to Awards and Insignia, a majority of the pins in Boy Scouts are made for nonuniform wear.

There are notable exceptions like the National Summertime Pack Award, the Emergency Preparedness Award, Service Stars and the optional metal rank and Arrow of Light pins. The Sea Scout uniform has many pins that can be worn.

A question was raised at the Council Coordinated meeting about where to wear the Journey To Excellence pins that were given to District Chairmen and District Commissioners in honor of their 2013 accomplishments.

First of all, there is a special patch that is meant to be worn on the uniform. When this patch is worn, the pin isn't. It would be considered superfluous. There is also a JTE lapel pin for nonuniform wear. Both the patch and pin can be purchased at the Scout Shop. See attached for order information.

"Officially" the special JTE pin given out by the Laurel Highlands Council should not be on the uniform. However, we should be proud of our accomplishments and wear them with pride! We recommend the gold, silver or bronze fleur de lis pin be worn on the collar (right side) or on the right pocket flap of the uniform.

The days of uniform police are over. When choosing what to add to your Scout uniform, we ask that you consider the rules of good taste. *While Scouters may wear the insignia to which they are entitled, a 'total display' may not be in the best taste if the uniform looks overcrowded. The Scouter who wears only his or her position emblem, council shoulder patch and service star is never guilty of poor taste.*