

## **Questions regarding the new Centennial Uniforms**

- ? **Exactly what is changing with the shirt if the color is not changing?**
  - Bellowed pockets, including one on the left sleeve.
  - New buttons in a bone color to match the shirt.
  - New materials, now available in two cloths.
  - More updates can be found on the attached brochure.
  
- ? **Will the new switchbacks be hemmed?**
  - No, all pants will come un-hemmed from now on.
  - The new pants will also lose the zipper on the lower portion of the leg to allow custom fits.
  
- ? **Will the new switchbacks be a different material?**
  - Yes and no. We will offer two different styles. The Supplex Nylon will remain as well as a cotton rich canvas much like the blue S2's. Both styles will have zip-off pants as well as being offered in both a Classic Fit (straight leg / current) and a Relaxed Fit (roomier through the hips & thighs)
  
- ? **What can we expect as far as changes to the female uniforms?**
  - Female uniforms will no longer be offered in the green color trouser. Because of the availability of Relaxed Fit and Classic Fit there is no real need for female trousers as the new Switchbacks and Convertible pants will be offered in unisex sizing.
  - The new tan female shirts will not be "blouses" but sized appropriate for female leaders. They will be updated to have buttons that run the entire length of the shirt and have also fixed the "gap" of the current button placement around the bust.
  - The current Blue Trousers and Yellow Blouses will remain for those Cub Leaders who choose to wear that uniform.
  
- ? **Will the new switchbacks have a longer "shorts" portion so that the zipper doesn't hit most people in the knee cap?**
  - The shorts portion has been lengthened by 1.5" and the rise of seat has been reduced.
  
- ? **What does the pricing structure look like for all new products**
  - For the most part we have been able to keep the same pricing in place while adding many more features and moving to a higher quality material with high tech performance features such as Moisture Management and Water Repellency.
  - Cotton-Rich Poplin Shirts which compare to the standard shirt we currently offer are staying the same price for Youth sizes \$24.99 s/s
  - Adult sizes are going down in price from \$32.99 to \$29.99
  
- ? **What will happen to the current green uniform pieces?**
  - They will all be discontinued and replaced by what pieces you see on the attached brochure.
  
- ? **What steps are being taken to discount the other soon to be discontinued uniform parts like we have done with the BOGO Switchbacks?**
  - Nothing currently planned, if it is warranted at a later time it will be addressed then.
  
- The website: [www.bsauniforms.org](http://www.bsauniforms.org) will launch on May 19<sup>th</sup>. This site will be the comprehensive site for the new Centennial Uniforms.
  
- ? **When will they be available to the retail community for sale at all outlets?**
  - August 15<sup>th</sup> is the official launch date of the Centennial Uniforms.

- ? **What changes if any will take place for the following items?**
- **Web belts**
    - New wider belt with a ratchet claw closure.
  - **Standard BS caps**
    - No more red front, forest green with a tonal U.E.
  - **Socks (all styles)**
    - No more red stripe, all sku's will be high performance socks with arch support and moisture wicking properties. Retail price will not change much at all eventhough they will be a much greater product.
  - **Merit Badge Sash**
    - Will be changing color to the forest green and will have an added feature to the slanted end of the sash to hide the tail where the two pieces are sewn together.
  - **Unit numerals**
    - The red & white unit numerals will remain current for the Cub Scout uniforms.
    - The new Khaki/Forest numerals will be added to the line for the new Centennial Uniforms.
  - **Leadership position emblems**
    - No changes planned
  - **Patrol emblems**
    - No changes planned
  - **Conversely when will these changes if any, hit the Insignia Control Guide?**
    - In the next edition will beat the uniforms to the NDC. Those should be available in early August.
    - The updated Uniform Inspection Sheets are available now.
- ? **What else will be changing along the insignia front if any?**
- The Trained strip will be changing from red to forest green and will be reduced in size to fit on the new bellowed pocket on the left sleeve.
  - The current red trained strip will be discontinued at some point in the future.
- ? **What can you tell me about the future of Made To Measure Uniforms?**
- MTM uniforms will be available starting August 15<sup>th</sup> as well for all sku's.
- ? **Will the "cargo" pockets be moved back to the side of the pants and will they be wide enough to hold a MBP or a handbook?**
- Yes, the new trousers will have cargo pockets on the side of the shorts and they will all be large enough to hold your Boy Scout Handbook or your Fieldbook.
- ? **When will the rumored Venturing Switchbacks be available and what can you tell me about them?**
- Due to the necessity of the new Centennial Uniforms meeting customer demand the Venturing Switchbacks will not be available on August 15<sup>th</sup> as we had hoped. It may be a month or so later.
  - They will be made of a Rip-Stop Nylon and come in a dark gray color.
- ? **Will the custom design unit numerals and unit/veteran unit numerals in one piece change colors as well?**
- Yes, they will also be available in the new khaki/forest color scheme and be available starting August 15<sup>th</sup> as well.
- ? **The look of the flag is different can you explain?**
- The American Flag as well as the Boy Scouts of America text strip will both be sewn directly onto the shirt and will no longer be a sewn on emblem or strip as they have been in the past.

? **I've heard the Cub Scout uniform will be changing as well, what can you tell me about that?**

- Pure fact-less gossip. There are no plans what-so-ever to change the C.S. uniform at all.
- The current blue C.S. trousers will no longer be offered however we will continue to offer the shorts and the S2 switchbacks for Cub Scouts.

? **Will the Venturing program change shoulder loop colors as well?**

- No, they will remain emerald green.
- The red loops will be discontinued in favor of the new forest green color scheme for the Boy Scout Program.
- All other program loops will remain the same.