



**Cell Name: Patch Design and Collecting**  
**Session Name: What Can I Collect?**

**Session Length: 45 Minutes**

Through this session, you will—

**Explain:** What you can collect in patches and other Boy Scout memorabilia.

**Demonstrate:** Show pictures of what you can collect.

**Guide:** We will go over the list of what you can collect.

**Enable:** Will enable arrowmen to decide what to collect.

**Learning Outcome:**

Decide what to collect of Boy Scout patches and memorabilia

**Theme Connection:**

The theme of NOAC 2018 is “Decide Your Destiny”, emphasizing the message that today’s decisions shape tomorrow’s reality. This session will relay this theme in the following ways:

- By educating participants to the options in collecting.
- By helping participants to decide if they want trade and/or collect patches.

**Required Materials:**

- Handouts
- Flip Chart
- PowerPoint Presentation (projector and screen)

**TRAINER PREPARATION**

1. Review information in this syllabus and PowerPoint slides.
2. Update and personalize the PowerPoint slides to fit your presentation.
3. Prepare Flipchart Pages or use chalkboard or Dry Erase board prior to presentation.



4. Ensure that you have adequate writing markers, chalk, erasers, video projector, and video screen.
5. Make sure your electronics can show the PowerPoint including video clips which require Wi-Fi capability. Have back-up plans.
6. Make an adequate number of handouts for your audience.

## Session Narrative

### Introduction

**3 minutes**

**(Slide#1)** Good Morning, my name is \_\_\_\_\_, and my qualifications to present this topic are

**Trainer Instructions:** Have prepared notes ready for your personal introduction. The dates are given to help you answer questions about the category of collectibles.

**(Slide#2)** By taking this training session, you should be able to identify most of the areas of collecting for Boy Scout patches and memorabilia. You should be able to make an educated decision about collecting and trading patches.

### **(Slide#3) What Can I Collect?**

**37 minutes**

#### Patches

**(Slide#4)** Adult Office Badges There are different versions of each office badge as you go through the history of the BSA (1911 to current)

**(Slide#5)** Alpha Phi Omega---National Service Fraternity at most colleges. It is also coed (since December,1976) (1925-current)

**(Slide#6)** Your council camp patches (c1911 to current)

**(Slide#7)** Camps on the same lake as your camp. These are camps on Huntington Lake in California.

- (Slide#8)** Chenille patches-----like school letters on letter jackets. (1920's to current)
- (Slide#9)** Your Council Community strips (1930-1978) Different colors for different programs within the Boy Scouts.
- (Slide#10)** Your State Community strips (1930-1978)
- (Slide#11)** Conclave patches from your section or all across the nation. (1947-current)
- (Slide#12)** Council Shoulder patches (CSPs) (1970 to current) There were some shoulder patches made before
- (Slide#13)** Council Name patches--any patch with a council name. There were some shoulder patches made before 1970, but most were Jamboree shoulder patches (c1924 to current)
- (Slide#14)** Cub Scout (British Wolf Cubs--1922-1929) (Prototype Program 1929) (1930-current). There were British Wolf Cub packs in the USA during the 1920's.
- (Slide#15)** Eagle Scout patches (1924 to current) First Eagle patch was made for the sashes of the Eagle Scouts going to the 1924 World Jamboree in Denmark.
- (Slide#16)** Hat shaped patches--patches look like a hat. (c1940 to current) Most of these were used for the council's segment or rocker program.
- (Slide#17)** High Adventure Base patches--Philmont, the Summit, Florida Sea Base, Northern Tier plus some older ones and name changes.
- (Slide#18)** Jamboree contingent patches (JCPs)--any patch not shaped like a shoulder patch. (1937 to current)
- (Slide#19)** Jamboree shoulder patches (JSPs) (1935 to current)
- (Slide#20)** Knights of Dunamis--Eagle Scout Society from 1925 to 1972 --merged into NESAs. Started in San Francisco Council.
- (Slide#21)** Teens Squares 1911-1920 Lots of varieties of these since smaller quantities were made in each order. Some of these merit badges during the teens only had 100 earned.
- (Slide#22)** Squares 1920-1933 The hardest ones of these to find are the ones that were issued only in 1933 like Citrus Fruit Culture and Fruit Culture.
- (Slide#23)** Crimped 1934 -1960 There are tan wide crimped, tan crimped, fine twill, wartime cloth, and green crimped.
- (Slide#24)** Twill Rolled borders 1960-1969
- (Slide#25)** Fully Embroidered Rolled borders 1960(some)-2010
- (Slide#26)** Computer embroidered 1990's Two different sizes of the Computer embroidered merit badges.
- (Slide#27)** 2010 backing (2010) Special backing with 2010 Centennial printed plastic backing.
- (Slide#28)** Merit Badge sashes (c1924-current) Homemade ones are earlier.

The merit sashes made by National for the 1924 World Jamboree participants are the toughest to find.

**(Slide#29)** National Jamboree (1935 to current) First National Jamboree was cancelled in 1935, but some patches were made for the event.

**(Slide#30)** NESA-----National Eagle Scout Association--1972 to current

**(Slide#31)** Your OA Lodge's patches (??? to current)

**(Slide#32)** American Boy Scouts /United States Boy Scouts--1910 to 1917.

These organizations went away once the BSA received the Congressional Charter that protected the insignia and the name Boy Scouts.

**(Slide#33)** Boy Rangers of America--early younger boy program--started in Arkansas. This organization almost merged into the BSA in 1928. This was going to be the younger boy program for the BSA, but the owner decided not to merge. BSA rolled out the prototype Cub Scout program in 1929.

**(Slide#34)** Rhode Island Boy Scouts--1910 to 1914 merged into the BSA.

**(Slide#35)** Patrol Colors--issued from 1911 to 1929 The ones with lighter colors with tan or pink are the harder ones.

**(Slide#36)** Homemade patrol medallions--made in the 1920's These are called homemade, but they look factory made. They are usually the same two colors of the patrol colors for that animal.

**(Slide#37)** Rectangles--issued only in 1925-1926 Mistake made by the factory. There were supposed to be round, but the artwork was on a regular rectangle sheet of paper.

**(Slide#38)** Felt without BSA--issued from 1927 to 1933 Made embroidered patches instead of silk-screened since they lasted longer.

**(Slide#39)** Felt with BSA--issued from 1933 to 1952

**(Slide#40)** Red Twill--issued from 1953 to 1971

**(Slide#41)** 3 backings for the red twill patrol medallions--white glue backs, red rubber backs, and clear plastic backs. (1953 to 1971) White glue backs are the easiest to find, so they are good place to start for collecting.

**(Slide#42)** Multi-Colored twills--issued from 1972 to 1989 These are easy to find, and very inexpensive.

**(Slide#43)** Tan Twills (1989 to current)

**(Slide#44)** Custom Patrol Medallions (c1930 to current) Made by hand by scouts or mothers.

**(Slide#45)** Sons of Daniel Boone (founded by Daniel Carter Beard)-became the BSA in 1910. (1905 to 1910) Based on Manifest Destiny and t aming the frontier.

**(Slide#46)** Woodcraft Indians (founded by Ernest Thompson Seton)-became the BSA in 1910 (1902 to 1910) Woodcraft League of America (1915 to current) Based on Native Americans and love of Nature. The inspiration

for the Order of the Arrow.

**(Slide#47)** Program Strips--usually sewn on the uniforms (1918 to current)

Different strips for different segments of the BSA. They come on different fabric to match the colors and cloth of the uniforms.

**(Slide#48)** Rank patches--these are the first badges for each rank. (c1913 to current)

Many changes in styles and colors over the history of the BSA.

**(Slide#49)** Red & Whites, Blue & Whites, White & Blues, Khaki & Red Council patches (1928 to 1978) The shoulder patches that preceded CSPs.

**(Slide#50)** Region patches--12 Regions from 1920 to 1972, then 6 Regions, and now 4 Regions. (1920 to current)

**(Slide#51)** Report to the Nation--youth representatives present the BSA Report to the Nation to the President and other main government and military leaders. (special patches made starting in 1997) (coins made currently)

**(Slide#52)** Rover Moots--Like a Jamboree for Rovers--ages 19 to 26 year olds in other countries. (BSA Rover Scouts from 1936 to 1952)

**(Slide#53)** Sea Scout insignia--this is from the SSS Merced in California. Sea Scouts started in 1912. (1912 to current)

**(Slide#54)** Sea Scout Ship patches (1920's to current) Most are made in small batches.

**(Slide#55)** Senior Scout(1939 to 1949)/Explorer insignia (1950 to current) Older Boy program. Prototype programs were tested in the 1930's.

**(Slide#56)** Square Knots---1946 to current In the 1940's to 1960's, if you wore three knots on your uniform, you were at the top of your game.

**(Slide#57)** State strips--in all of the program colors. (1938 to 1978)

**(Slide#58)** Troop Numerals (1914 to current)

**(Slide#59)** United Nations patches--units in New York City. (c1950 to c1972)

**(Slide#60)** Varsity Scout insignia (1980 to 2017) These are easy to pick-up now, especially in Western Region.

**(Slide#61)** Venturing insignia (1998 to current) Twenty years of patches.

**(Slide#62)** World Jamboree patches (1920 to current) The early patches are the most difficult and the most valuable. The 1924 World Jamboree patch is one of the most desired patches in Scouting.

**(Slide#63)** Youth Position patches (1910 to current)

Other than patches

**(Slide#64)** Adult Awards (1926 to current) Silver Buffalo was first award created for the National level. Silver Beaver followed in 1931.

**(Slide#65)** Ace(1946-1954), Ranger(1946-1951) and Silver Award (old Silver--1950-1953)(New Silver--1953-1965) medals--older Boy Awards. (1946-

(Slide#66) Buckles (1910 to current)

(Slide#67) Camp Beenies--early hats before patches. (c1910-1930's) Many of these camps had different levels of programs that were reflected in the different colors of beenies.

(Slide#68) Celluloid Pins (1910 to c1960's) National and councils made lots of these.

(Slide#69) Certificates----This is Ernest Thompson Seton's Silver Buffalo certificate that is at the Museum at Philmont. (1910 to current) The earliest BSA leader and boy certificates were issued in September, 1910.

(Slide#70) Charters----OA, Council, Troop, etc. This is a Rover Crew charter. (c1914 to current) These are still being issued today.

(Slide#71) Collar Brass--every adult position had a set of collar brass. (c1920-c1973) The highest offices were all silver. Red was professional, blue was commissioners, green was scoutmaster and ASM. Red/White/Blue were National employees.

(Slide#72) Contest Medals (1914 to current) Purchased by troops and given to Scouts for proficiency in contests.

(Slide#73) Drawings of Patches--official merit badge artwork. (??? to c1972) These are very rare. Most were tossed.

(Slide#74) Eagle Medals--This is a 1920 D & C eagle medal from Ohio. (1912 to current) First medals made by T.H. Foley are the most desired.

(Slide#75) Handbooks (1910 to current) Softbound and handbound versions to collect.

(Slide#76) Heritage Society---James E West Fellowship and above. (1993 to current) Recognitions for giving to the endowment of your local council.

(Slide#77) Hornaday Awards for Distinguished Service to Conservation (1915 to current) These are some of the rarest badges since very few are earned each year.

(Slide#78) Lone Scouts of America 1915 to 1924--merged into the BSA. This was started by W.D. Boyce to help rural boys and foster writing for newspapers. Boyce was a newspaper publisher.

(Slide#79) Membership Cards (1914 to current) Earliest membership paperwork was a certificate when you earned Tenderfoot.

(Slide#80) Metal Monograms (1912 to 1928)

(Slide#81) Misc. pins---these are camp pins. (c1911 to current)

(Slide#82) Order of the Arrow sashes--These are the early Vigil sashes. (c1915 to current) Early sashes were made by Lodges. Lot of varieties.

(Slide#83) Quality Unit pins---There are also patches for all of the levels of the pins. (1986 -c2000)

(Slide#84) Quartermaster medals---about 25 to 30 earned per year (1931 to current)

**(Slide#85)** Queens South Africa medals---from Boer War. Defence of Mafeking bar one of the hardest to find. Brevet Colonel Baden-Powell was the commander of the British forces under siege at Mafeking for 217 days. (1899-1901) Queen Victoria died in the middle of this war, so there are Kings South Africa medals for late 1901 to 1902.

**(Slide#86)** Rank pins---these are pins from 1911 to 1919. (c1911 to current)

**(Slide#87)** Religious Awards (Ad Altare Dei--first award 1926) (1926-current)

**(Slide#88)** Ribbons---for camps, contests, and program awards. (c1911 to current)  
Ribbons were used instead of patches at early events.

**(Slide#89)** Rings (c1912 to current) Boy Scout, Cub Scout, Eagle Scout, Philmont rings. All types for every program.

**(Slide#90)** Slides---come in all types. These are regular troop slides. (c1911 to current)

**(Slide#91)** Ties for Men (c1920 to current) These changed as styles changed. Slower changes for the men's side.

**(Slide#92)** Ties for Women (c1990 to current)

**(Slide#93)** Tie Bars (c1948 to c1973) Most of these were made for an adult leader position

**(Slide#94)** Troop Metal Numerals/Letters--worn on the collars. (1915-1928)

**(Slide#95)** Men's Uniforms (1910 to current)

**(Slide#96)** Women's Uniforms---Den Mother's Uniform (1933 to current)  
1990 was when women could hold any adult position in the BSA.

**(Slide#97)** Youth Uniforms (1910 to current)

**(Slide#98)** Veteran Pins---there are also patches for each of these pins.  
(1917 to current)

**(Slide#99)** Watch Fobs----for ranks and for adult offices (1913-1930)  
These hung out of your pocket and attached to the watch with a leather strap.

### Takeaway Challenge

**3 minutes**

What are you going to collect?

**Trainer Instructions:** Ask audience what they collect. Distribute hand-outs.

## Appendix: Resources and Source Material

[A Guide to Dating and Identifying Boy Scouts of America Badges, Uniforms, & Insignia](#)  
by Mitch Reis, 2000.



Arapaho & Arapaho 1 Update (A History of Scouting Through Insignia) by Albertus Hoogeveen and Richard H. Breithaupt, Jr.

Boy Scouts of America Uniform Program Strips 1910-1998 by Brad Estabrook and Chris Jensen, 1998.

Collecting Scouting Literature by Chuck Fisk & Doug Bearce, 1990.

Councils of the BSA (Updated Version) by Edward Morse & Patrick Geary, 1993.

Ribbon Bars & Knot Awards of the Boy Scouts of America by Gary E. Whitman, 2007.

Scouting History Through Memorabilia: The Bernie Miller Collection, Volumes 1 & 2 by Roy A. More, 1995.

The Boy Scouts of America During World War I & II by Mitch Reis, 1984.

The Camp Book--A Listing of BSA Camps by Dave Minnihan & Bob Sherman.

World Jamboree Guide by Neil W. Larsen. Updated versions.

Join International Scouting Collectors Association (ISCA).

Go to Trade-O-Rees and Conclaves to trade.