

An intent of the Scout uniform is to show that all members are equal in the Boy Scouts of America.



When it comes to variety, though, neckerchiefs allow every Scout unit - and sometimes each Scout - to express individuality. That begins when a boy joins Cub Scouts and continues through the most advanced adult leader training programs.



Tiger Cub Neckerchief



Wolf Cub Neckerchief



Bear Cub Neckerchief



Webelos Neckerchief



Eagle Scout Neckerchief

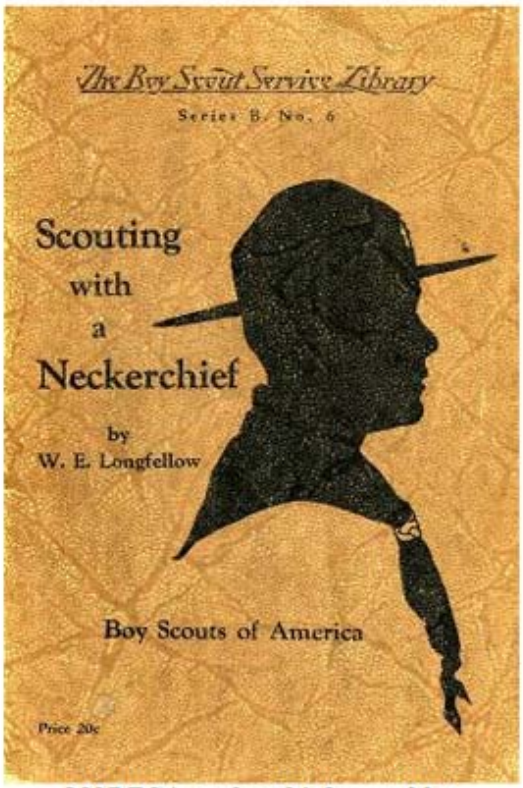


Wood Badge Neckerchief

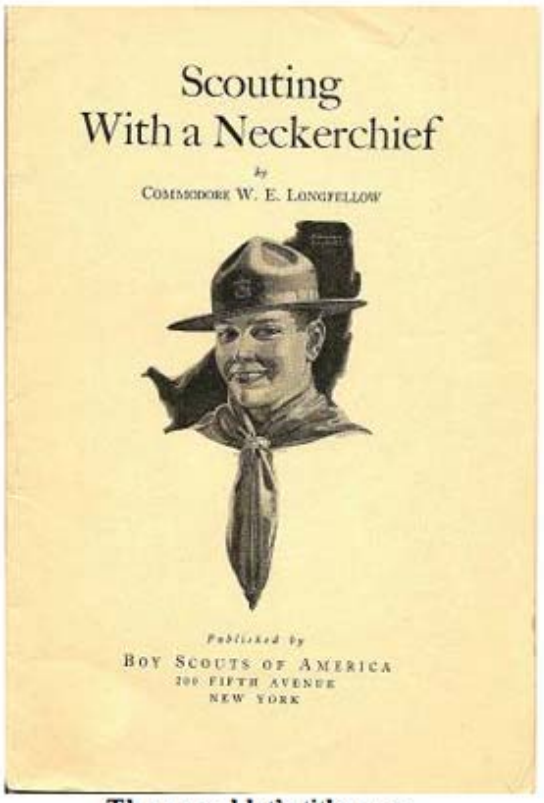
SCOUTING WITH A NECKERCHIEF

"At Santa Barbara following the earthquake and in Illinois and Indiana during the tornado disaster, the Scout's neckerchief was a passport to any Scout through the police and hospital lines. The Scout Uniform in those stricken areas was the badge of a boy on an errand of courageous service."

Chief Scout James E. West wrote those lines to introduce the 1927 pamphlet *Scouting with a Neckerchief*, the BSA's first full exploration of neckerchiefs.



1927 BSA neckerchief pamphlet



The pamphlet's title page

The pamphlet showed the proper way to wear a neckerchief.





The proper wear of the neckerchief was always over the under-turned collar of the uniform shirt, fastened with a slide or "woggle" fashioned from cord or soaked reed. There were also illustrated descriptions of 60 ways a neckerchief could be used. Here are nine of them:







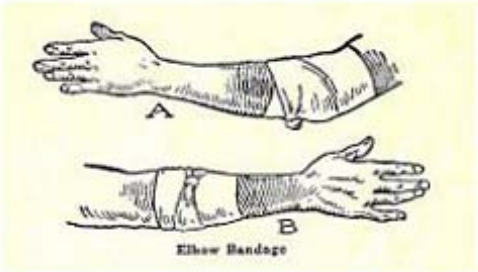












The BSA still encourages members to be good problem solvers. If a sturdy, triangular piece of cloth will come in handy during a first aid emergency or in some other difficult situation; a neckerchief could be just the thing for a positive solution.



"DO A USEFUL THING EACH DAY"

The motto of those long-ago Lone Scouts of America was "Do a useful thing each day." That's a fine guideline for BSA leaders who wear the Silver Beaver, Antelope, and Buffalo awards. It's also a great reminder for Scouts wearing neckerchiefs, and for those who don't, too.

Make it a habit to look for ways to be of use, then do them. You'll be joining with Scouts everywhere who are finding dozens of ways to accomplish that goal, and then discovering the great value for themselves and for others as they meet that challenge.

