

## **Boy Scouts of America's Centennial Uniform has earned The Skin Cancer Foundation's Seal of Recommendation for sun-protective clothing**

### **Another way BSA stays on the forefront of safety**

When it comes to Scouting, no other youth organization offers more breadth and depth of choice in outdoor activities. And no one values the safety of its members more highly. Educating Scouts about severe weather conditions is always of highest priority -- winter or summer, the right gear is critical.

And, with the undisputed connection between excessive sun exposure (particularly during childhood) and the increased risk of skin cancer, being prepared means packing sun-protective clothing for hot-weather outings. BSA's latest uniform introductions meet excellent protective standards recognized by The Skin Cancer Foundation.

### **Centennial Uniform Earns The Skin Cancer Foundation's Seal of Recommendation**

BSA has been awarded The Skin Cancer Foundation's Seal of Recommendation on the items recognized below. To earn the seal, a product must be proven to sufficiently and safely "aid in the prevention of sun-induced damage to the skin" and must earn a UPF rating of at least 30+. Earning an impressive UPF rating of 40+, the Centennial Uniform has been granted this distinguished seal of approval.

#### **Current BSA uniform-approved sun-protective clothing line includes:**

- The Centennial Uniform Shirt and Pants offered in an assortment of 18 styles in Youth, Ladies and Adult Sizes. Some pants styles have convertible, zip-off components.
- Three hats, each offering a superior UPF rating of 50+: the Brimmed Hat, Campaign Hat, and Venturing Hat.

Visit your local Scout store or shop online for more details on these styles. The BSA anticipates this line to grow in the near future with additional apparel pieces offering top UPF ratings for the best protection.

### **Just what is UPF? What do I look for and how to read the ratings?**

UPF stands for Ultraviolet Protection Factor and measures the amount of UV radiation that penetrates a fabric and reaches the skin.

A fabric with a rating of 50 will allow only 1/50<sup>th</sup> of the sun's UV rays to pass through. This means the fabric will reduce your skin's UV radiation exposure significantly, because only 2 percent of the UV rays will get through.

To receive The Skin Cancer Foundation's Seal of Recommendation, sun-protective fabrics must have a minimum UPF of 30. The foundation considers a UPF rating of 30-49 to offer very good protection, and 50+ excellent protection.

Protective garments usually feature UV light-treated fabrics that are densely constructed and colored with absorbent UV dyes.

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