
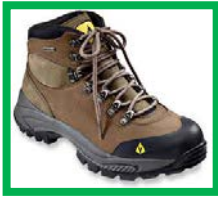





Scouting Footwear

The purpose of this document is to educate scouts on the type of footwear that is appropriate for scouting activities. In general, the shoe must provide some protection and be fastened to the foot. A red outlined shoe is never allowed at a troop function. A yellow outline is a shoe is one that may be used under certain circumstances. A green-outlined shoes is a good choice, and can be used at scouting functions. Under no circumstances is a scout allowed to be barefoot. If you have any questions ask the scoutmaster before wearing the shoe.

Picture	Description	Pros	Cons	Notes
	Old pair of tennis shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The shoe already fits, and is less likely to give blisters Every scout has a pair, and this is the most economical footwear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scouts often wait until a shoe is not wearable before replacing Small holes and separated soles can become larger under outdoor hiking use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some shoe problems can be fixed with a shoe glue or epoxy Acceptable for all scouting activities
	Hiking boots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They provide much more support Usually made from thick leather and can do a great job protecting the feet Often have deep treads that provide good traction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can be expensive Can be very heavy, especially when wet They don't allow your feet to breathe, if you wear them all day and they get wet, they can cause problems They take a long time to break in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They are a great investment for older scouts who have stopped growing Wear for at least 1 month before a hike
	Service boot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They have the same pros and cons of a hiking boot, but generally offer better ankle support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some people find them very uncomfortable to wear and they can take a long time to get use too 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tend to be more expensive then a hiking boot Not recommend to buy cheap ones
	Crocs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comfortable Light weight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They cannot be fastened to your feet and could come off. They can also become slippery when wet, and your foot can slide around inside the shoe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since they can not be fastened to your foot they are not allowed on campouts
	Full strap sandal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows your foot to breathe Great for use in water and sandy areas Can be adjusted to fit your foot Dry quickly Light weight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toes are exposed and unprotected Based on the design, if one strap or buckle fails the whole sandal will fail Offers no protection to the top of your foot from sharp items or the sun 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great for water activities Not recommended for long hikes Some camps do not allow open toes shoes except for at the waterfront. Scouts must walk to the water front in closed toed shoes

