

## **SVMBC Guidance on attire for scouts and adult leaders at District and Council events, summer camp and SVMBC properties**

**In SVMBC**, we strive to provide an engaging, collaborative, innovative, learning environment that promotes the values of respect, integrity and care. While at our events or summer camp, attire **should be comfortable**, functional and appropriate for the activity. Scout safety is always our primary concern.

### Clothing Attire:

All clothing shall be neat, clean, acceptable in repair and appearance, and shall be appropriate for the activity.

While at an event or camp, scouts and adult leaders must wear:

- Top (shirt, tank top, etc.)
- Bottom (pants, sweatpants, shorts, skirt, dress, leggings, etc.)
- Shoes: Close-toed, Closed-heel shoes for safety, with the exception of water shoes at the aquatics area only. Athletic or hiking shoes are recommended while at camp or events. Crocs or flip flops are not appropriate water shoes.

It is important to ensure that clothing requirements accommodate the diverse needs of various ethnicities and religious groups. Specifically, a scout or adult leader may wear religious headwear in accordance with their faith.

For safety, special activities such as hiking, biking, climbing or welding require appropriate clothing for the activity. For example, welding activities require long pants and long-sleeved shirts made of cotton, and climbing requires a helmet to be worn at all times, with hair securely tied back.

Clothing (Non Aquatic) that is prohibited includes:

1. Articles of clothing which display profanity, violence, products or slogans which promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, sex or a hostile environment of any kind.
2. Items of clothing which expose bare midriffs, bare chests, undergarments (Bra straps that are exposed are not a violation.), or that are transparent (see through).
3. Visible undergarments and crop tops that intentionally expose the abdomen (minimal exposure of an abdomen during movement is not an exposed abdomen)

### Aquatics Attire:

Swimwear should be comfortable, functional, and appropriate for the specific aquatic activity. Specifically, attire must be:

- Clean and in good repair
  - Designed as swimwear (Muslim swimwear is allowed)
  - Appropriate to the activity (e.g. athletic-style swimsuits, bikinis or swim shorts)
  - Secure enough to not shift or fall off while participating
  - T-shirt or additional layer may be allowed if it does not hamper movement in the water
- No string, thong or crochet swimsuits are allowed at SVMBC events or properties.

Any concerns about Scout attire should be taken confidentially to Camp or Council staff.