

BUCKSKIN TRAIL MEMORABILIA



The fringed, white Buckskin Trail neckerchief is awarded to all graduates from the course at the closing campfire. These are handmade, and therefore vary over the course of the years.



The Buckskin Trail "Thunderbuck" neckerchief slide is awarded to graduates who have returned on staff, and is only worn with the Buckskin neckerchief.



The first patch issued for the Buckskin Trail was a patch printed on leather, showing the Thunderbuck slide on a piece of leather, stretched on a frame. The text reads "The Buckskin Trail", "25th Anniversary" and "1954 to 1979".



Two council strips were approved for use in 2003, to celebrate the fiftieth Buckskin Trail. Both show the Thunderbuck on a yellow background, with two ghosted fleur-de-lis, and the text "Miami Valley Council", 1954 and 2003, and 50th Buckskin Trail.

Two different borders were issued, a black border for all participants in the 2003 course, and a red border for staff members. These patches were designed by Dick Dexter.



Two additional patches were issued in 2010, to celebrate both the Buckskin Trail and the Centennial of the BSA. Both show the Thunderbird neckerchief slide on the Buckskin Trail neckerchief. As with the 50th Anniversary flaps, the black border version was issued to participants during the 2010 course. Both patches were designed by Mike Clinch.



The red-bordered version was issued to staff members.

Temporary patches were issued instead of council strips, because the council also issued two special Centennial CSPs. Staff members were encouraged to wear the standard Centennial CSP as part of their course uniforms.



In 2013, a backpatch and a pocket patch were issued to celebrate the 60th Buckskin Trail course. The backpatch was based on the 25th Anniversary patch, showing the Thunderbird on a stretched hide, with "Since 1954". The backpatch was used as a scholarship fundraiser, and for that reason, the 2013 date was not added.



The 2013 pocket dangle showed just the hide and Thunderbird from the backpatch, with the dates of 1954 to 2013, celebrating the 60th Buckskin Trail. This patch was issued to participants and staff, and extras were sold for scholarship funds. Both patches were designed by Mike Clinch.



In 2016, a new undated backpatch and dangle were designed, to recognize the addition of both the BALOO and OWL training were added to the Buckskin Trail curriculum. Since outdoor skills for all five programs that required them were now covered by the Buckskin Trail, the symbols for Cub Scouting, Webelos, Boy Scouting, Varsity and Venturing were added. Sales of this patch were also used for scholarship funds.



The 2016 pocket dangle also showed all five of the symbols for the different programs that existed in 2016 and required outdoor training. This has been presented to participants, even though the Varsity program has since ended.

Both of these patches were also designed by Mike Clinch.