



2024 NOAC Patch Trading Policy

Patch trading has long been an honored Scouting activity which builds comradery and extends Scouting beyond a Scout's home troop and community. At the core of appropriate patch trading in Scouting is that the trades always reflect the ideals of the Scout Law.

At the 2024 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), patch trading is an official program activity monitored by the Activities and Recreation Committee (ARC) and assisted by International Scouting Collectors Association (ISCA) members. To promote safe and appropriate patch trading, it is the policy of the Order of the Arrow that:

- Patch trading is an open activity and may be conducted anywhere at NOAC as authorized by the University of Colorado and the Order of the Arrow so long as displays and persons trading/viewing do not interfere with the safe movement of pedestrians and vehicles.
- Trades may be youth/youth, youth/adult, or adult/adult so long as such interactions conform to the BSA's Youth Protection Guidelines and Barriers to Abuse policies and such trades adhere to the ideals of the Scout Law.
 - An adult is anyone 18 years of age or older.
 - Use the buddy system. Always have a friend or group with you, to make sure you're safe at NOAC, especially in large and confusing crowds.
- The trading of any award or rank patches, Scouting knots, religious medals, or badges of office is prohibited and violates Article X of the Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America.
- If trading a non-Scouting item or patch (one not issued by a Scouting organization), the trader will disclose the fact prior to the trade.

An area designated as the "official" patch trading area will be at the University Memorial Center. Additional areas may also be established. Resource materials and trading staff will be present at designated areas during program hours for crowd control and for questions and/or guidance in trades if requested.