

Basic Detail Report



Boy Scout Neckerchief

Date

c. 1953

Medium

Cotton

Description

This Boy Scouts of America neckerchief, which would originally been worn around the neck by a boy scout and secured with a wooden or metal slide, is emblazoned with three variations of the official patches for the 1953 Jamboree and boasts two more indicating the wearer was a member of the Jamboree's host region. These patches are hand sewn to the neckerchief. This would have been an important part of a scout's uniform for the event. Held on the Irvine Ranch, the Jamboree brought almost 50,000 Scouts from all over the non-Communist world to Orange County for a five-day celebration of Scouting. For scouting, the neckerchief dates to before the inception of the Boy Scouts of America. Sometime prior to 1908, Baden Powell, founder of the International Scouting Movement, fashioned the Boy Scout uniform to look like the uniform worn by his own troops in the South African Constabulary.

Dimensions

18 1/2 × 42 in. (47 × 106.7 cm)