

CAPTAIN KIDD CONSERVATION PATCH

Scouts who complete a certain number of hours on conservation work at Camp earn the Captain Kidd Patch. The black bordered patch is earned for the first six hours of work completed, the green bordered patch is for twelve hours, the red bordered patch is for 18 hours of work, and the gold bordered patch signifies that 24 or more hours of service has been completed. The Captain Kid patches are worn 2 inches above the right uniform pocket and only one patch may be worn on the uniform at one time.

Frank 'Captain' Kidd, ranger at Worth Ranch for 21 years, came up with the idea of Scouts doing conservation work at camp. He would often recruit idle Scouts and set them to work on clearing brush and brambles or making retaining walls or other such helpful endeavors. After a number of years, it was decided to formalize this activity and give added encouragement to participate by creating a patch. The Council Camping Committee met at Camp to decide what to call this patch/activity. Many ideas were considered, but a consensus was not reached. Unbeknownst to the committee a group of would-be workers had assembled outside of the office waiting for their work assignment from Captain Kidd. An impatient staff member interrupted the committee meeting by announcing "Captain, your crew is out here!" Ever since, the patch has been known as the "Crewman" patch. After several years most campers had earned the black bordered 'Crewman' patch so the 'Yeoman', "Mate' and 'Skipper' patches were created with the different colored borders as described above. These patches signify that a Scout has done extra service at WR for the benefit of others.

The patches are shown below and the requirements as described above are:

- Crewman – black bordered patch -- requires 6 hours of conservation work
- Yeoman – green bordered patch -- requires 12 hours of conservation work
- Mate – red bordered patch -- requires 18 hours of conservation work
- Skipper – gold bordered patch -- requires 24 hours of conservation work

Make arrangements with Worth Ranch Camp Ranger to sign up for Conservation Projects. During summer camp see the NECO Director. The Unit Leader may collect the patches from the Worth Ranch Ranger or at summer camp the Program Director.

