

Scout Youth Leadership Positions

ELECTED POSITIONS: Troop elections are held twice a year, in September and February, at which time eligible Scouts may run for the following positions.

SENIOR PATROL LEADER: Presides over the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) which is made up of the Senior Patrol Leader, two Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, the Patrol Leaders and the Scribe who assist the Senior Patrol Leader in running the Troop with the guidance of the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters.

ASSISTANT SENIOR PATROL LEADER-MEETINGS: Works with the PLC to develop, plan, promote and manage the Troop program for weekly meetings and other activities.

ASSISTANT SENIOR PATROL LEADER-OUTINGS: Works with PLC to develop, plan, promote and manage the Troop program for monthly (short-term) outings, summer/winter camp (long term) outings and High Adventure (Venture Patrol) activities.

PATROL LEADERS: Elected by the Troop members to lead one of the Patrols comprised of six to eight Troop members. The Patrol leader is responsible for implementing the Troop program developed by the PLC. The Patrol Leader appoints an Assistant Patrol Leader and Quartermaster.

Responsible to the Senior Patrol Leader

Plan and lead patrol meetings and activities

Keep patrol members informed

Assign each patrol member a task and help them succeed

Represent the patrol at all patrol leaders' council meetings and the annual program planning conference

Prepare the patrol to take part in all troop activities

Show and help develop patrol spirit

Work with other troop leaders to make the troop run well

Know what patrol members and other leaders can do

Set a good example

Wear the Scout uniform correctly

Live by the Scout Oath and Law

Show and help develop Scout spirit

ASSISTANT PATROL LEADERS work with their Patrol Leaders

Responsible to the Patrol Leader

Plan and lead patrol meetings and activities

Keep patrol members informed

Prepare your patrol to take part in all troop activities

Prepare the patrol to take part in all troop activities

Lead the patrol in the patrol leader's absence

Represent the patrol at all patrol leaders' council meetings in the patrol leader's absence

Show and help develop patrol spirit

Work with other troop leaders to make the troop run well

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SCRIBE: Keeps minutes of the PLC and Troop meetings, conducts uniform inspections, collect fees and funds, writes thank you letters and maintains the Troop advancement board.

Responsible to: Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (and works with troop committee members)

Attend and keep a log of patrol leaders' council meetings

Record attendance and dues payments of all troop members

Record advancement in troop records and on Troop/Team Advancement chart

Work with appropriate troop committee members responsible for finance, records, and advancement

Set a good example

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HISTORIAN: Records the history of the Troop activities and maintains the Troop scrapbook/photo albums

Responsible to: Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Gather pictures and facts about past activities of the troop and keep them in scrapbooks, wall displays or information files

Take care of troop trophies and keepsakes

Keep information about troop alumni

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QUARTERMASTER: Works with the Adult Equipment Coordinator to supervise the issuing, maintenance, replacement and purchase of Troop equipment. Responsible for instructing Scouts in the proper use of equipment and maintaining an inventory of Troop equipment stored in the scout shed.

Responsible to: Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (and works with the troop committee equipment coordinator)

Keep records of patrol and troop equipment

Keep equipment in good repair

Keep equipment storage area neat and clean

Issue equipment and see that it is returned in good order

Suggest new or replacement items

Work with troop committee member responsible for equipment

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LIBRARIAN: Maintains and issues books and merit badge pamphlets from the Troop Library. Suggests new books to purchase and add to the Troop Library.

Responsible to: Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Establish and maintain a troop library

Keep records on literature owned by the troop

Add new or replacement items as needed

Have literature available for borrowing at troop meetings

Follow up on late returns

Set a good example

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CHAPLAIN'S AIDE: Develops and leads the monthly Scout's Own and promotes the various religious emblems programs.

Responsible to Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (and works with the Chaplain)

Keep troop leaders apprised of religious holidays when planning activities

Assist the troop chaplain or religious coordinator in meeting the religious needs of troop members while on activities

Encourage saying grace at meals while camping or on activities

Lead "Scouts own" services on campouts

Tell troop members about the religious emblems program for their faith

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APPOINTED POSITIONS: The Scoutmaster, in conjunction with the Senior Patrol Leader, appoints a scout to the following positions dependent upon rank, seniority, maturity, skills/ability and interest.

TROOP GUIDES: Assists and guides the Patrol Leader of the New Scout Patrol.

Assists in teaching and testing of Scouting skills to the new Scouts.

INSTRUCTORS: Plan, teach and test Troop members on specific Scouting skills.

Responsible to Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Instruct Scouting skills as needed within the troop or patrols

Prepare well in advance for each teaching assignment

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O/A REPRESENTATIVE: Acts as a liaison between the Troop and the Order of the Arrow. Promotes Troop camping and cheerful service.

Reports to Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

OA member in good standing

Serve as a communication link between the lodge or chapter and the troop/team
 Encourage year-round and resident camping in the troop/team
 Encourage older-Scout participation in high-adventure programs
 Encourage Scouts to actively participate in community service projects
 Assist with leadership skills training in the troop/team
 Encourage Arrowmen to assume leadership positions within the troop/team
 Encourage Arrowmen in the troop/team to be active participants in lodge and/or chapter activities and to seal their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members
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JUNIOR ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER: Able to act in the role of an Assistant Scoutmaster in all matters where adult age is not a requirement.
DEN CHIEF: assists in a cub scout den and is a mentor to the younger scouts. Your den leader or Cubmaster will provide additional guidelines for your position. Recommended: Den Chief Training and Den Chief Handbook
 Responsible to Assistant Scoutmaster of a new-Scout patrol
 Serve as the activities assistant at den meetings
 Meet regularly with the den leader to review the den and pack meeting plans
 If serving as a Webelos den chief: help prepare the boys to join Boy Scouting
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The PLC meets monthly, usually the Monday night following a Troop outing, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm in lieu of a Troop Meeting. The Scoutmaster Team meetings on the same night from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

ATTENDANCE : All elected and appointed youth positions in the Troop have attendance requirements which must be met in order to be considered to have given satisfactory service in a leadership position to meet the requirements for rank advancement. The attendance requirements for each of the elected positions are set by the PLC with the Scoutmaster's approval.

The Scoutmaster will counsel any Scouts who are not meeting their attendance requirements or are not fulfilling the responsibilities of their leadership role. Those who continue to unsatisfactorily discharge their duties are subject to removal from office at the discretion of the Scoutmaster and will not be considered for advancement until satisfactory completion of the leadership requirement has been met.