

THE ROLE OF AN
ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER

An Assistant Scoutmaster is a registered adult leader who is committed to the furtherance of the “Aims and Goals” of Boy Scouting through ***active*** participation in the Troop’s activities and programs. The Assistant Scoutmaster is required to complete Boy Scout Fast Start Training and Youth Protection Training. The Assistant Scoutmaster is ***strongly encouraged*** to complete Scout Leader Essentials, Scoutmaster Specifics and Outdoor Leader Skills Training courses thereby earning the “*Trained*” strip. The Assistant Scoutmaster’s primary duty is to assist the Scoutmaster in providing a safe, productive and fun environment for the scouts of the Troop. The Assistant Scoutmaster accomplishes this by becoming familiar with the “Aims and Goals” of Boy Scouting and by doing their best to implement and support these “Aims and Goals” within the Troop program.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- ∅ Set a good Example
- ∅ Wear the uniform correctly
- ∅ Live by the Scout Oath and Law
- ∅ Show and help develop Scout Spirit
- ∅ Support the youth leaders of the Troop
- ∅ Accomplish other duties as assigned by the Scoutmaster
- ∅ Work with other leaders to make the Troop run well
- ∅ Provide service and leadership to the Troop
- ∅ Bring problems and concerns directly to the Scoutmaster or the Committee Chairman
- ∅ Support the Troop’s programs through active participation

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- ∅ **Put the needs of the scouts first**
- ∅ **Ensure a safe environment for the scouts through direct supervision**
- ∅ Attend as many Troop events, campouts and meetings as possible
- ∅ Directly support the scouts in their efforts to exercise their leadership role
- ∅ Assist junior leaders in maintaining order during Troop activities
 - Keeping scouts focused and on task
 - Encourage scout participation in activities
 - Maintain a noticeable presence during all phases of meetings
- ∅ Supervise from “a distance” but be readily available when needed
- ∅ Serve as Patrol Advisor when appointed advisor is unavailable