

Senior Patrol Leader

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Job description: The senior patrol leader is elected by the Scouts to represent them as the top junior leader in the troop.

Reports to: the Scoutmaster.

Senior patrol leader duties:

- Runs all troop meetings, events, activities, and the annual program planning conference
- Runs the patrol leaders' council meeting
- Appoints other troop junior leaders with the advice and counsel of the Scoutmaster
- Assigns duties and responsibilities to junior leaders
- Assists the Scoutmaster with junior leader training
- Sets a good example
- Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly
- Lives by the Scout Oath and Law
- Shows Scout spirit

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

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Job description: The assistant senior patrol leader is the second highest-ranking junior leader in the troop. He is appointed by the senior patrol leader with the approval of the Scoutmaster. The assistant senior patrol leader acts as the senior patrol leader in the absence of the senior patrol leader or when called upon. He also provides leadership to other junior leaders in the troop.

Reports to: the senior patrol leader.

Assistant senior patrol leader duties:

- Helps the senior patrol leader lead meetings and activities
 - Runs the troop in the absence of the senior patrol leader
 - Helps train and supervise the troop scribe, quartermaster, instructor, librarian, historian
 - Serves as a member of the patrol leaders' council
 - Sets a good example
 - Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly
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Patrol Leader

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Job description: The patrol leader is the elected leader of his patrol. He represents his patrol on the patrol leaders' council.

Reports to: the senior patrol leader. If you're the patrol leader for the new Scout patrol, you'll also work with the troop guide who is assigned to your patrol.

Patrol leader duties:

- Appoints the assistant patrol leader
 - Represents his patrol on the patrol leaders' council
 - Plans and steers patrol meetings
 - Helps Scouts advance
 - Acts as the chief recruiter of new Scouts
 - Keeps patrol members informed
 - Knows what his patrol members and other leaders can do
 - Sets the example
 - Wears the uniform correctly
 - Lives by the Scout Oath and Law
 - Shows Scout spirit
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