

About Our Scouts



The Patrol Method is a basic and fundamental component of the Boy Scouts of America program. Shortly after joining the Troop, each new Scout is assigned to a new or established Patrol comprised of 6 to 8 Scouts organized along the lines of age and friendships. The members of each Patrol select one of their own to serve as Patrol Leader. A Patrol Leader is a member of the Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC), and serves as the voice of his fellow patrol members. A Patrol Leader will present the ideas and concerns of his patrol and share the decisions of the Patrol Leader's Council with his patrol members.

The Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC) is made up of the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL), who presides over the meetings; the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL), Troop Leaders, Junior Leaders, and all Patrol Leaders. The Patrol Leaders' Council meets monthly to plan, with the guidance of the Scoutmaster, the Troop program. This plan is then approved by the Troop Committee. All Scouts First Class and above are also welcomed.

Scout Leadership Positions

In the Patrol System of Scouting, the Scouts themselves are encouraged and guided to organize and run the Troop. There are many leadership positions available.



Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)

The Senior Patrol Leader is the top Scout in the Troop. He is in charge of running all Troop meetings, activities and campouts. He delegates duties and supervises the other Scout Leaders. He coordinates and leads the Patrol Leader Council (PLC) meetings. He works closely with the Scoutmaster in carrying out his duties.



Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL)

The Assistant Senior Patrol Leader assists the SPL with all of his duties. He steps in and takes charge whenever the SPL is not available. He attends all PLC meetings. He works closely with the SPL and the Scoutmaster in carrying out his duties.



Patrol Leader

The Patrol Leader acts as a liaison between the SPL and his Patrol, keeping his Patrol informed of all Troop decisions. He is in charge of his Patrol at all meetings, activities and campouts. He ensures his Patrol participates in planned activities, and settles any disputes within his Patrol. He encourages his Patrol members to reach their next rank. He attends PLC meetings. He works closely with the SPL in carrying out his duties.



Assistant Patrol Leader

The Assistant Patrol Leader assists the Patrol Leader all of his duties. He steps in and takes charge whenever the Patrol Leader is not available. He works closely with the Patrol Leader and SPL in carrying out his duties.



Troop Guide

Works closely with Scouts below the First Class rank to establish realistic plans to achieve the requirements needed for their next rank. Works with the Patrol Leaders in advance of campouts and hikes to ensure that Patrol Leaders are aware of the Scouts needing to complete requirements on these occasions. Troop Guides may have specifically focused goals that are directed by the Scoutmaster, such as those of the Den Chief Guide.



Den Chief Guide

The Den Chief Guide is responsible for all the Den Chiefs. He is the chief ambassador to the Cubs, Webelos and their parents. It is his responsibility to show the Pack all that Scouting has to offer and what Troop 113 can do for the advancing Cubs. He is the chief recruiter for Troop 113.



Den Chief

The Den Chief is one of the ambassadors of Troop 113 to the Webelos, Cubs and their parents. He demonstrates through his Scout skills, friendly spirit, and through his service to the Den, that he is a good leader and that his Troop is a good Troop. In helping the Cub Pack, the Den Chief is also an effective recruiter for our Troop.

Quartermaster



The Quartermaster is the supply and equipment "boss." He keeps a current inventory of Troop equipment and sees that it is in good condition. He checks Troop equipment in and out, and reports to the PLC and the Troop Committee on equipment needing repair or replacement. He attends PLC meetings. He keeps his records updated, and passes them on to the next Scout to hold his position. The Scribe attends the monthly Troop Committee meetings and reviews the notes from the PLC. He works with the SPL and the Scoutmaster in carrying out his duties.



Scribe

The Scribe is the Troop secretary. He attends the PLC meetings and keeps a log of their decisions. He keeps a record of attendance at meetings, activities and campouts. He determines the honor Patrol for each month. He keeps his records updated, and passes it on to the next Scout to hold his position. He works with the SPL and Scoutmaster in carrying out his duties.



Historian

The Historian collects and cares for Troop memorabilia: photos, news stories, and awards. He attends campouts and activities, taking pictures for the scrapbook. He attends PLC meetings. He keeps his records updated, and passes it on to the next Scout to hold his position. The Historian will work with the Troop Publicity Coordinator and write articles about our troop activities for the local news paper or other publications. He works with the SPL and Scoutmaster in carrying out his duties.



Librarian

The Librarian keeps the Troop's books, pamphlets, magazines, and audio/visuals available for checkout by Scouts and leaders. He keeps a file of all Troop literature and a record of all materials loaned out. He recommends new acquisitions and reports on needed replacements. He attends the PLC meetings. He keeps his notebook updated, and passes it on to the next Scout to hold his position. The librarian works closely with the Scoutmaster in preparation for Summer Camp. He will gather the Merit Badge books for each Scout based on their Merit Badge selections. He puts the books along with the appropriate number of signed Blue Cards into a zip-loc bag with the Scout's name on it. He distributes these at the start of Summer Camp and is responsible for collecting them at the conclusion.



Chaplain's Aide

The Chaplain's Aide works with Somerset Presbyterian Church to prepare for and help run Scout Sunday. He will offer Opening Prayers and Benedictions at our Courts of Honor. He helps to see that religious holidays are considered during Troop planning. He promotes the Religious Emblems program. He encourages Patrols to say Grace before meals. He attends PLC meetings. He keeps his notebook updated, and passes it on to the next Scout to hold his position. He works with the Scoutmaster in carrying out his duties.



Bugler

A Boy Scout Bugler is required to attend campouts and other Troop activities. He is responsible for coordinating campfire programs and game times. He makes sure all Scouts are engaged, having fun and behaving in a safe manner.

For additional positions, go to

<http://bsahandbook.org/PDFs/troop.pdf>

The above and all other Scout Job Descriptions

