



Senior Patrol Leader

General Information

Description: The Senior Patrol Leader is elected by the Scouts to represent them as the top junior leader in the Troop. By accepting the position of Senior Patrol Leader, you agree to provide service and leadership to your troop. The responsibility should be fun and rewarding. This job description outlines some of the things you are expected to do while serving in this leadership role.

Comments: The Senior Patrol Leader is the focal point of the troop. He needs to attend as close to all troop functions as possible. One of the major parts of the SPL's job is to appoint other troop leaders. He must choose leaders who are **able**, not just his friends or other popular Scouts. Boy Scout troops following the patrol method are Boy-Led and the young man in charge is you !

Reports to:	Scoutmaster
Type:	Elected by the members of the troop
Term:	6 months

Qualifications

Age:	Preferably 15 years old or higher
Rank:	1st Class or Higher
Experience:	Previous service as SPL, PL, or APL. Served on staff of Council NYLT course.
Confirmation:	Nomination Approved by Scoutmaster

Performance Requirements

Training:	You must attend/conduct with SM the Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) even if you have attended in the past. You must have attended NYLT.
Attendance:	You are expected to attend the troop meetings, Patrol Leaders' Council meetings, outings, and service projects.
Effort:	You are expected to give this job your best effort and use the adult leadership and advice when you feel they are needed.

General Leadership Responsibilities

Uniform:	Set the example by wearing your uniform correctly. This means that you will wear all of the parts of the troop uniform, shirttail tucked in, with all required badges in their correct locations.
Behavior:	Set the example by living the Scout Oath and Law in your everyday life. Show Scout Spirit in everything you say and do.
Attendance:	Set the example by being an active Scout. Be on time for meetings and activities. You must call the Scoutmaster (or an Assistant Scoutmaster if the Scoutmaster can not be reached) if you are not going to be at a meeting or if you suddenly have to miss an outing. You also need to make sure that the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader is ready to assume your responsibilities. This requires you to "Be Prepared", plan ahead and this will never be an issue.

Specific Leadership Responsibilities

- Runs all troop meetings, events, activities, and the program planning conference.
- 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.
- Resolve conflicts between troop members.
- Participate in a conference with your advisor midway through your tenure to discuss and evaluate your responsibilities and the performance of your duties.
- Note: You can still have a conference with your advisor at any time. If you feel like having a discussion, just ask.

Every two month's you must document factual accomplishments stating how you have demonstrated leadership and performed your duties to obtain credit for your position. List number of meetings attended, trip and outings participated in and specific accomplishments your have executed in the performance of your duties. This must be signed by SM or designated ASM every two months in order to obtain leadership advancement credit.

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