



Troop Guide

General Information

Description: The Troop Guide works with new Scouts. He helps them feel comfortable and earn their First Class rank in their first year.

Comments: The first year as a Boy Scout is a critical time with new places, new people, new rules, and new activities. The Troop Guide is a friend to the new Scouts and makes first year fun and successful. This is an important position.

Reports to:	Scoutmaster
Type:	Appointed by the Scoutmaster
Term:	Six months

Qualifications

Age:	14+ preferred
Rank:	Star or higher
Experience:	None
Confirmation:	Appointment Approved by Scoutmaster

Performance Requirements

Training:	You must attend the Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) even if you have attended in the past.
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. <u>You must provide written reports to the advancement chair noting what you have done in this position. The reports are due two months after you start the position and every two months thereafter until the end of the term of the position.</u>

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 Senior Patrol Leader or Scoutmaster 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 someone (A patrol leader if possible) is ready to assume your responsibilities. This requires you to "Be Prepared", plan ahead and this will never be an issue.

Specific Leadership Responsibilities

- Introduces new Scouts to Troop operations.
- Guides new Scouts through early Scouting activities.
- Shields new Scouts from harassment by older Scouts.
- Helps new Scouts earn First Class rank in their first year.
- Teaches basic Scout skills.
- Attends campout and works with new Scout Patrol when needed.
- Coaches the Patrol Leader of the new Scout Patrol on his duties.
- Works with the Patrol Leader at Patrol Leaders' Council meetings.
- Attends Patrol Leaders' Council meetings with the Patrol Leader of the new Scout Patrol.
- Assists the Assistant Scoutmaster with training.
- Counsels individual Scouts on Scouting challenges.
- Sets a good example.
- Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
- Lives by the Scout Oath and Law.
- Shows Scout spirit.

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.

Month /year to Month /year (___/___ to ___/___)

Scout signature _____ **date** _____

SM/ASM signature _____ **date** _____

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