# Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL)

**Job Description:** The assistant senior patrol leader (ASPL) is the second-highestranking junior leader in the troop. He is appointed by the senior patrol leader with 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.

## **Reporting/Election:**

Appointed by: Senior Patrol Leader in consultation with SM and ASMs • Reports to (Scout): Senior Patrol Leader • Reports to (Adult): Scoutmaster

## **Duties:**

- Helps the senior patrol leader lead meetings and activities Runs the troop in the absence of the senior patrol leader • Serves as a member of the Patrol Leaders' Council.
- If planning to be absent from a troop meeting, should inform the senior patrol leader prior to the meeting.
- Ensures that Patrol Leaders contact any member of their respective patrol who has been absent from two consecutive meetings. (List of such Scouts is provided by the Scribe to each Patrol Leader on a weekly basis.)
- Helps the "Assistant Scoutmaster for Junior Leaders" in training and supervision of the troop scribe, historian, quartermaster, librarian, chaplain aide, and cheermaster.
- Sets a good example.
- Enthusiastically, consistently, and correctly wears the Scout uniform. Lives by the Scout Oath and Law.
- Shows Scout Spirit.
- At the end of his term, passes all relevant records, material, information, and advice to the newly appointed Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.

### **Prerequisites:**

- The Scout must at least be first-class rank.
- Should have completed a BSA junior leader training (JLT) course.
- Should have previously served as either a patrol leader or troop guide for a semester.
  Must be able to regularly attend the Troop campouts.

### **Expectations:**

If not satisfactorily performing his duties (as determined by Scoutmaster and Assistant scoutmasters) due to poor attendance or lack of attention to responsibilities, can lose his position and not receive credit for a "position of responsibility."