

Senior Patrol Leader

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

Reporting/Election: • Elected by: Troop Scouts • Reports to: Scoutmaster

Duties:

- Runs all troop meetings, events, and activities.
- Runs the Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC) meetings.
- Appoints other troop junior leaders with advice and counsel of Scoutmaster and those Assistant Scoutmasters working closely with junior leaders.
- Assigns tasks to junior leaders.
- Serves as a member of and chairs the Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC). • Assists the Scoutmaster with junior leader training.
- If planning to be absent from a troop meeting, should inform the Scoutmaster and ASPL prior to the meeting and direct ASPL (or another junior leader) to run the meeting.

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 elected Senior Patrol Leader and other Troop officers.

Prerequisites:

- The Scout must at least be star rank.
- Should have completed a BSA junior leader training (JLT) course.
- Should have previously served at two junior leadership positions one of which must be either a patrol leader, or troop guide, or ASPL.
- Must be able to regularly attend the Troop campouts and outings.

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."
- Being SPL is the most challenging job for a scout in the troop. The Scoutmaster Handbook describes him as the master of ceremony in a three-ring circus. He needs to organize and coordinate the activities of the troop at meetings and campouts. He chairs PLC meetings, and with the approval of the scoutmasters is responsible for appointing troop officers. The SPL should set an example of character, scout spirit, and wearing the scout uniform.