

# Troop Leadership Positions

The longer you are in scouting, the more your troop will recognize your experience and knowledge by offering you positions of leadership. Being a good leader is a skill that can be learned only by doing it. Troop leadership opportunities will allow you to speak in front of people, guide discussions, make decisions, and encourage others toward greater achievements. Become familiar with these troop leadership positions and think about what kind of a leader you'd like to be!

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## Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)

The Senior Patrol Leader is appointed by the Scoutmasters to represent them as the top junior leader in the troop.

The SPL reports to the Scoutmaster

Duties:

- φ Runs all troop meetings, events, activities
- φ Runs the PLC (Patrol Leaders Council)
- φ Appoints other troop leaders with the advice and counsel of the Scoutmaster
- φ Assigns duties and responsibilities to junior leaders
- φ Assists the Scoutmasters with Junior Leader Training

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## Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL)

The Assistant Senior Patrol Leader is appointed by the Scoutmasters and is the second-highest-ranking junior leader in the troop.

The ASPL reports to the Senior Patrol Leader

Duties:

- φ Helps the SPL lead all meetings, events, and activities.
- φ Runs the troop in the absence of the SPL
- φ Helps train and supervise the Troop Scribe, Quartermaster, Instructor, Librarian, Historian, and Chaplain Aide. All of these leaders report to the ASPL.
- φ Serves as a member of PLC; runs the PLC meetings in the absence of the SPL.

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## Patrol Leader (PL)

The Patrol Leader is the elected leader of his patrol. Only the members of that patrol vote on who will be their Patrol Leader.

The Patrol Leader reports to the Senior Patrol Leader.

Duties:

- φ Appoints the assistant Patrol Leader
- φ Represents the patrol at the PLC meetings (Patrol Leaders' Council)
- φ Appoints and supervises a Patrol Quartermaster And Patrol Scribe.
- φ Keeps aware of advancements needs of all patrol members, and regularly reports his patrol's advancement needs to the PLC
- φ Keeps in close contact with all patrol members. Contacts members as needed
- φ Plans and steers the patrol meetings

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## Troop Guide

The Troop Guide is appointed by the Scoutmaster and is a voting member of the PLC. The troop guide works with new Scouts. He makes them feel comfortable in the troop and helps them work toward their First Class rank in their first year.

The Troop Guide reports to the Assistant Scoutmaster for new Scouts in the troop.

Duties:

- φ Introduces new Scouts to troop operations
- φ Guides new Scouts through early Scouting activities
- φ Shields new Scouts from harassment by older Scouts
- φ Helps new Scouts earn First Class rank in their first year
- φ Assists the assistant scoutmaster with training
- φ Counsels individual Scouts on Scouting challenges

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*By BSA guidelines, all of the following positions are appointed by the SPL with the guidance and approval of the Scoutmaster:*

### Quartermaster

The quartermaster is appointed by the SPL. The quartermaster keeps track of troop equipment and sees that it is in good working order.

The quartermaster reports to the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.

Duties:

- ϕ Keeps records on patrol and troop equipment
- ϕ Makes sure all equipment is complete and in good working condition
- ϕ Issues equipment and makes sure it is returned in good condition
- ϕ Makes suggestions for new and replacement items
- ϕ Works with the troop Quartermaster
- ϕ Helps train and supervise each patrol's quartermaster

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### Troop Scribe

The Scribe is appointed by the SPL. The Scribe keeps troop records. He records the activities and the minutes of the Patrol Leaders' Council.

The Scribe reports to the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.

Duties:

- ϕ Attends and keeps minutes of all PLC meetings
- ϕ Records individual scout attendance at all meetings and outings
- ϕ Records individual scout advancement progress
- ϕ Works with the Advancement Chairman and with the Troop Treasurer

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### Chaplain Aide

The Chaplain Aide is appointed by the SPL. The Chaplain Aide works to meet the religious needs of Scouts in the troop. He also works to promote the religious emblems program. The Chaplain Aide reports to the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.

Duties:

- ϕ Assists with religious aspects of troop activities
- ϕ Tells scouts about the religious emblem program for their faith
- ϕ Helps plan for religious observance in troop activities
- ϕ Works to personally obtain the religious emblem for his faith

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### Troop Librarian

The Librarian takes care of troop literature.

The Librarian reports to the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Duties:

- ϕ Establish and take care of the troop library
- ϕ Keep records on literature owned by the troop
- ϕ Add new or replacement items as needed
- ϕ Keep books and pamphlets available for borrowing at troop meetings
- ϕ Keep a system for checking books and pamphlets in and out
- ϕ Follow up on late returns

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### Troop Historian

The Historian keeps a historical record or scrapbook of troop activities. He reports to the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Duties:

- ϕ Gather pictures and facts about past troop activities and keeps them in scrapbooks, wall displays or informational (historical) files
- ϕ Take care of troop trophies, ribbons, and souvenirs of troop activities
- ϕ Keep information about former members of the troop.

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***All Troop leaders are expected to do the following:***

- **Set a good example**
- **Enthusiastically wear the Scout Uniform correctly**
- **Live by the Scout oath and Law**
- **Show Scout spirit**