

## **Youth Leadership Positions**

### **Troop Leadership Position Descriptions**

#### **Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)**

The Senior Patrol Leader is elected by the Scouts (as ASPL) to represent them as the top junior leader in the Troop. The SPL runs all Troop meetings, events, activities and the annual program planning conference. Leads the Patrol Leader Council (PLC) and runs the meetings. Appoints other Troop youth leaders with the advice and counsel of the Scoutmaster. Assigns duties and responsibilities to other youth leaders and Scouts and assists the Scoutmaster with Junior Leader Training.

Minimum rank: Star

#### **Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL)**

The Assistant Senior Patrol Leader is the second highest ranking leader in the Troop. The ASPL trains and provides leadership to the following youth leaders: Scribe, Quartermaster, Instructor, Librarian, Historian, and Chaplain Aide. Helps lead meetings and activities as requested by the SPL. Acts as the Senior Patrol Leader in the absence of the SPL or when called upon and serves as a member of the PLC.

Minimum rank: Star

#### **Patrol Leader (PL)**

The Patrol Leader is the elected leader of his patrol (elected by members of his Patrol; not the whole Troop). The PL represents the patrol at all PLC meetings and the annual program planning conference. He plans and leads patrol meetings and activities. Prepares the patrol to take part in all Troop activities. Keeps patrol members informed and assigns patrol members tasks and provides leadership to them. Helps fellow scouts advance and develops patrol spirit.

Minimum rank: First Class (currently allowing Second Class scouts)

#### **Assistant Patrol Leader (APL)**

The Assistant Patrol Leader is appointed by the Patrol Leader. The APL leads the patrol in the Patrol Leader's absence. Represents the patrol at the PLC and related meetings. Helps the PL plan and lead patrol meetings and activities. Helps keep members informed and prepare them for Troop activities and helps control the patrol and develop patrol spirit.

Minimum rank: None

#### **Quartermaster (QM)**

The Troop Quartermaster keeps track of Troop equipment and sees that it is in good working order. The QM keeps records of patrol and Troop equipment and ensures that equipment in good repair. Keeps trailer and equipment storage areas neat and clean. QM will issue equipment and see that it is returned in good condition. Suggests new or replacement items and works with Equipment coordinator in carrying out these duties.

Minimum rank: None

#### **Scribe**

The Scribe keeps the Troop records. The Scribe records the activities of the Troop meetings and activities. Attends PLC meetings and records assignments and actions. Records Scout attendance at meetings, events, and activities. Assists with record keeping of dues and advancement and works with Troop Committee members responsible for finance, records, and advancement.

Minimum rank: None



#### **Librarian**

The Troop Librarian takes care of Troop literature. The Librarian maintains the Troop library by keeping records of literature owned by the Troop. Adds new or replacement items as needed. Make literature available for borrowing at Troop meetings. Maintain a system to check literature in and out and follow up on late returns.

Minimum rank: None

#### **Historian**

The Troop Historian keeps a historical record for the Troop. The Historian gathers pictures and facts about past Troop activities and keeps them in scrapbooks, poster or wall displays, and information files. Assists provide information for the Troop web site.

Minimum rank: None

#### **Instructor**

The Instructor is responsible for teaching Scouting skills. The Instructor coordinates training requirements within the Troop. They are to prepare in advance for each teaching assignment. Instructs basic Scouting skills as needed within the Troop or patrols and assists the Troop Guide in planning and instruction of Scout to First Class requirements.

Minimum rank: First Class

#### **Chaplain Aide**

The Chaplain Aide works with the Troop Chaplain to meet the religious needs of Scouts in the Troop. The Chaplain Aide makes sure religious holidays are considered during Troop program planning. Assists the Troop Chaplain with religious services or meeting religious needs of Troop members at Troop activities. Works to promote the religious awards program and informing Scouts about the program for their faith. Encourages saying grace at meals while camping or on activities and leads "Scouts own" service on campouts.

Minimum rank: None