

Troop 956 Youth Leadership Positions

The boy leaders plan and run the troop's program. To meet this goal, training is needed for each position. When a boy is elected or agrees to be one of the troop officers, it is expected that he will attend the training sessions provided. Training sessions will be scheduled soon after the elections are held.

Patrol Leaders Council (PLC):

The **Patrol Leaders Council** consists of the main boy leaders with the Scoutmaster as the guide. The Senior Patrol Leader runs the meetings. Present at the PLC meetings are the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL), Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL), the Patrol Leader (PL) from each patrol and the Troop Guide(s). If a patrol leader can not make it to the PLC meeting, it is his responsibility to make sure his Assistant Patrol Leader or another representative attends for him.

The purpose of the PLC meeting is to plan the upcoming meetings and the main outing for the month. One of the goals of the BSA is have a boy led troop. The following positions are part of the PLC:

Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)

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

Reports to: the Scoutmaster.

Duties

1. Runs all troop meetings, events, activities and the annual program planning conference
2. Runs the patrol leader's council meetings.
3. Appoints other troop junior leaders with the advice and counsel of the Scoutmaster.
4. Assigns duties and responsibilities to junior leaders.
5. Assists the Scoutmaster with junior leader training
6. Sets a good example.
7. Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
8. Lives by the Scout Oath and Law.
9. Shows Scout spirit.

Requirements

1. Elected by all boys in the troop.
2. Serves for 6 months.
3. Must be at least Star rank.
4. Must be active in the troop.
5. Must have approval of the Scoutmaster to run for office.

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL)

Job Description: The assistant senior patrol leader is the second-highest ranking junior leader in the troop. He is appointed by the senior patrol leader with the 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.

Reports to: the Senior Patrol Leader.

Duties

1. Helps the senior patrol leader lead meetings and activities.
2. Runs the troop in the absence of the senior patrol leader.
3. Helps train and supervise the troop scribe, quartermaster, instructor, librarian, historian and chaplain aide.
4. Serves as a member of the patrol leader's council.
5. Sets a good example.
6. Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.

7. Lives by the Scout Oath and Law.
8. Shows Scout spirit.

Requirements

1. Recommended by the SPL and approved by the Scoutmaster.
2. Serves for 6 months.
3. Must be at least Star rank.
4. Must be active in the troop.

Troop Guide

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

Reports to: the assistant Scoutmaster for the new Scout patrol.

Duties

1. Introduces new Scouts to troop operations.
2. Guides new scouts through early Scouting activities.
3. Shields new scouts from harassment by older Scouts.
4. Helps new Scouts earn First Class rank in their first year.
5. Teaches basic Scout skills.
6. Coaches the patrol leader of the new Scout patrol on his duties.
7. Works with the patrol leader at patrol leaders' council meetings.
8. Attends patrol leaders' council meetings with the patrol leader of the new Scout patrol.
9. Assists the assistant Scoutmaster with training.
10. Counsels individual Scouts on scouting challenges.
11. Sets a good example.
12. Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
13. Lives by the Scout Oath and Law.
14. Shows Scout spirit.

Requirements

5. Recommended by the SPL and approved by the Scoutmaster.
6. Serves for 6 months.
7. Should be at least First Class rank.
8. Must be active in the troop.
9. Must have leadership experience and the patience to work with new Scouts.

Patrol Leader (PL)

Job Description: The patrol leader is the elected leader of his patrol. He represents his patrol on the patrol leaders' council.

Reports to: the Senior Patrol Leader.

Duties

1. Appoints the assistant patrol leader.
2. Represents the patrol on the patrol leaders' council.
3. Plans and steers patrol meetings.
4. Helps Scouts advance.
5. Acts as the chief recruiter of new Scouts.
6. Keeps patrol members informed.
7. Knows what his patrol members and other leaders can do.
8. Sets a good example.
9. Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
10. Lives by the Scout Oath and Law.
11. Shows Scout spirit.

Requirements

1. Elected by the boys in his patrol.
2. Serves for 6 months.
3. Should be at least First Class rank.
4. Should be active in the troop.

Troop Scribe

Job Description: The scribe keeps the troop records. He records the activities of the patrol leaders' council and keeps a record of dues, advancement and Scout attendance at troop meetings.

Reports to: the assistant senior patrol leader.

Duties

1. Attends and keeps a log of patrol leader's council meetings.
2. Records individual Scout attendance and dues payments.
3. Records individual Scout advancement progress.
4. Works with the troop committee member for records and finance.
5. With the assistance of the Scoutmaster, write a Troop Newsletter to be published after each PLC.
6. Sets a good example.
7. Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
8. Lives by the Scout Oath and Law.
9. Shows Scout spirit.

Requirements

1. Recommended by the SPL and approved by the Scoutmaster
2. Serves for 6 months
3. Should be at least First Class rank.
4. Must be active in the troop

The following positions are not part of the PLC but are just as important to the successful operation of the troop.

Assistant Patrol Leader (APL)

Job Description: The assistant patrol leader is appointed by the patrol leader and leads the patrol in his absence.

Reports to: the Patrol Leader.

Duties

1. Helps the patrol leader plan and steer patrol meetings and activities.
2. Helps the patrol leader keep patrol members informed.
3. Helps the patrol get ready for all troop activities.
4. Represents his patrol at patrol leaders' council meetings when the patrol leader cannot attend.
5. Lends a hand controlling the patrol and building patrol spirit.
6. Sets a good example.
7. Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
8. Lives by the Scout Oath and Law.
9. Shows Scout spirit.

Requirements

1. Appointed by the patrol leader and approved by the Scoutmaster.
2. Serves for 6 months.
3. Should be active in the troop.

Troop Quartermaster

Job Description: The quartermaster keeps track of troop equipment and sees that it is in good working order.

Reports to: the assistant senior patrol leader.

Duties

1. Keeps records on patrol and troop equipment.
2. Makes sure equipment is in good working condition.
3. Issue equipment and makes sure it's returned in good condition.
4. Makes suggestions for new or replacement items.
5. Works with the troop committee member responsible for equipment.
6. Sets a good example.

7. Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
8. Lives by the Scout Oath and Law.
9. Shows Scout spirit.

Requirements

1. Recommended by the SPL and approved by the Scoutmaster.
2. Serves for 6 months.
3. Should be at least First Class rank.
4. Must be active in the troop.
5. Any boy can serve in this position but preference will be given to boys needing leadership for advancement.

Instructor

Job Description: The instructor teaches Scouting skills.

Reports to: the assistant senior patrol leader.

Duties

1. Teaches basic Scouting skills.
2. Sets a good example.
3. Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
4. Lives by the Scout Oath and Law.
5. Shows Scout spirit.

Requirements

1. Recommended by the SPL and approved by the Scoutmaster.
2. Serves for 6 months.
3. Should be at least First Class rank.
4. Must be active in the troop.
5. Any boy can serve in this position but preference will be given to boys needing leadership for advancement

There may be several instructors:

Camping Instructor

Tenderfoot Requirements #1, #2, #11, Second Class Requirements #2b, #2c, #2d, #2e, #2f

Cooking Instructor

Tenderfoot Requirement #3, Second Class Requirement #2g, First Class Requirements #4a, #4b, #4c, #4d, #4e

First Aid Instructor

Tenderfoot Requirements #12a, #12b, Second Class Requirements #6a, #6b, #6c, First Class Requirements #8b, #8c, #8d

Hiking & Orienteering Instructor

Tenderfoot Requirements #5, #9, #11, Second Class Requirements #1a, #1b, #5, First Class Requirements #1, #2, #6

Knots & Lashings Instructor

Tenderfoot Requirements #4a, #4b, First Class Requirements #7a, #7b, #7c, #8a

Swimming and Lifesaving Instructor

Tenderfoot Requirement #9, Second Class Requirements #7a, #7c, First Class Requirements #9a, #9c

Chaplain Aide

Job Description: The chaplain aide works with the troop chaplain to meet the religious needs of Scouts in the troop. He also works to promote the religious emblems program.

Reports to: the assistant senior patrol leader.

Duties

1. Assists the Troop Chaplain with religious services at troop activities.
2. Tells Scouts about the religious emblem program for their faith.
3. Makes sure religious holidays are considered during troop program planning.
4. Helps plan for religious observance in troop activities.
5. Sets a good example.
6. Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
7. Lives by the Scout Oath and Law.
8. Shows Scout spirit.

Requirements

1. Recommended by the SPL and approved by the Scoutmaster.
2. Serves for 6 months.
3. Must be active in the troop.
4. Any boy can serve in this position but preference will be given to boys needing leadership for advancement.

Historian

Job Description: The historian keeps a historical record or scrapbook of troop activities.

Reports to: the assistant senior patrol leader.

Duties

1. Gathers pictures and facts about past troop activities and keeps them in a historical file or scrapbook.
2. Takes care of troop trophies, ribbons and souvenirs of troop activities.
3. Keeps information about former members of the troop.
4. Sets a good example.
5. Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
6. Lives by the Scout Oath and Law.
7. Shows Scout spirit.

Requirements

1. Recommended by the SPL and approved by the Scoutmaster.
2. Serves for 6 months.
3. Must be active in the troop.
4. Any boy can serve in this position but preference will be given to boys needing leadership for advancement

Librarian

Job Description: The librarian takes care of troop literature.

Reports to: the assistant senior patrol leader.

Duties

1. Sets up and takes care of a troop library.
 - o Keeps records of books and pamphlets owned by the troop.
 - o Adds new or replacement items as needed.
 - o Keeps books and pamphlets available for borrowing.
 - o Keeps a system for checking books and pamphlets in and out.
 - o Follows up on late returns.
2. Sets a good example.
3. Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
4. Lives by the Scout Oath and Law.
5. Shows Scout spirit.

Requirements

1. Recommended by the SPL and approved by the Scoutmaster.
2. Serves for 6 months.
3. Must be active in the troop.
4. Any boy can serve in this position but preference will be given to boys needing leadership for advancement.

Order of the Arrow Troop Representative

Job Description: The Order of the Arrow troop representative enhances the image of the Order of the Arrow by serving as a youth liaison between the troop and the local OA lodge and chapter.

Reports to: the assistant senior patrol leader.

Duties

1. Serves as a communication link between the lodge and chapter and the troop.
2. Encourages year-round and resident camping in the troop.
3. Encourages older-Scout participation in high-adventure programs.
4. Encourages Scouts to actively participate in community service projects.
5. Assists with leaders skills training in the troop.

6. Encourages Arrow men to assume leadership positions in the troop.
7. Encourages Arrow men in the troop to be active participants in lodge and/or chapter activities and to seal their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members.
8. Sets a good example.
9. Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
10. Lives by the Scout Oath, Scout Law and OA Obligation.
11. Shows and helps develop Scout spirit.

Requirements

1. Recommended by the SPL and approved by the Scoutmaster.
2. Must be a member of the Order of the Arrow.
3. Serves for 6 months.
4. Must be active in the troop.

Den Chief

Job Description: The den chief works with the Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts and den leaders in the Cub Scout pack.

Reports to: the den leader in the pack and the Scoutmaster.

Duties

1. Knows the purposes of Cub Scouting.
2. Helps Cub Scouts advance through Cub Scout ranks.
3. Encourages Cub Scouts to join a Boy Scouts troop upon graduation.
4. Assists with activities in the den meetings.
5. Is a friend to the boys in the den.
6. Helps out at weekly den meetings and monthly pack meetings.
7. Meets with adult members of the den, pack and troop as necessary.
8. Sets a good example.
9. Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
10. Lives by the Scout Oath and Law.
11. Shows Scout spirit.

Requirements

1. Recommended by the SPL and approved by the Scoutmaster.
2. Serves for 6 months.
3. Must be active in the troop.
4. Any boy can serve in this position but preference will be given to boys needing leadership for advancement

Junior Assistant Scoutmaster

Job Description: The junior assistant Scoutmaster serves in the capacity an assistant Scoutmaster except where legal age and maturity are required. He must be at least 16 years old and not yet 18. He's appointed by the Scoutmaster because of his leadership ability.

Reports to: the Scoutmaster.

Duties

1. Functions as an assistant Scoutmaster.
2. Performs duties as assigned by the Scoutmaster.
3. Sets a good example.
4. Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
5. Lives by the Scout Oath and Law.
6. Shows Scout spirit.

Requirements

1. Appointed by the Scoutmaster.
2. Must be an Eagle Scout.
3. Must be active in the troop.