



Senior Patrol Leader Leadership Position Description

Position Description: The Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) is highest position of youth leadership in the Troop. The SPL works closely with the Scoutmaster, other adult leaders and the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC). At all times the SPL must be aware that he is the primary role model for the Troop, responsible for leading the youth, should demonstrate leadership and provide a living example of the following the principles of scouting.

General Information

Type: Elected by members of the Troop

Term: 6 months

Reports to: Scoutmaster

Comments: One of the major parts of the SPL's job is to appoint other Troop leaders and provide supervision to Patrol Leaders. Choosing leaders who are able is key; not just his friends or other popular Scouts.

Qualifications:

Age: none

Rank: First Class or higher

Experience: Previous service as SPL, ASPL, PL, or APL

Troop Attendance: 75% over previous 6 months

General Leadership Responsibilities:

Uniform: Set the example by wearing your uniform correctly. This means that you will wear all of the parts of the troop uniform, shirttail tucked in, with all required badges in their correct locations.

Behavior: Set the example by living the Scout Oath and Law in your everyday life. Show Scout Spirit in everything you say and do. Sets a good example at all times.

Attendance: Set the example by being an active Scout. Be on-time for meetings and activities. You must call your Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and the Scoutmaster if you are not going to be at a meeting or if you suddenly have to miss an outing. You also need to make sure that the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader is ready to assume your responsibilities at all times.

Training: Attends Leadership Training, even if has in the past.

Specific Leadership Responsibilities:

- Commits to managing the Troop, facilitating meetings, events, and the annual program planning process
- Facilitates the PLC meetings, which works to create strong scouting programming
- Appoints ASPL with the advice and counsel of the Scoutmaster
- Develops leadership skills and supervisors ASPL and the PLs
- Designates substitute SPL for all troop functions he and the ASPL cannot attend
- Assists the Scoutmaster with Leadership Training
- Establishes campout duty roster and ensures execution of duties



Senior Patrol Leader Leadership Tracking Card

Name: _____
Patrol: _____

Date Appointed: _____
Date Appointment Ends: _____

Performance Requirements/Tracking: All requirements must be *completed, initialed and dated by appropriate person* to receive FULL leadership credit. Visit with the SM (or designee) after appointment, and then visit the Advancement Chair, with this card completed after the term.

After Election: SM _____ Briefed on duties and responsibilities:

- _____ Attends Leadership Training (when)
- _____ Coordinate Patrols for flag ceremonies
- _____ Complete and post a campout duty roster for each Troop outing
- _____ Works with SM to plan the PLCs and facilitates them
- _____ Works with SM to plan and facilitate Troop meetings, events, and the annual program planning process
- _____ Attends 85% of all campouts and summer camp, if SPL during the summer
- _____ Meets with the ASPL to discuss how the Troop is doing within 4 weeks
- _____ Meets with SM and reviews progress 6 weeks after appointment
- _____ Meets with SM and reviews progress 3 months after appointment; include discussion about progress of Troop and future personal training needs

At term completion:

- _____ Discuss progress with leadership skills and next steps with SM
- _____ Submit a short written report to the SM overviewing experience and Troop direction or makes presentation to Committee
- _____ Attest to attendance (85% of meetings, PLCs, campouts) to SM
- _____ Submit completed leadership card to Advancement Chair

This form is due at the next meeting following current leadership period. If this form is completed midterm to satisfy a rank requirement, it **MUST** also be completed again at the end of the leadership period, during which time the Scout continues to serve this position, in order to receive credit for the remainder of the leadership period.

Credit from ___/___/___ to ___/___/___ _____

Date: ___/___/___ _____ Advancement Chair Signature