



Troop 272 – Assistant Patrol Leader

General Information

Type: Appointed by Patrol Leader with guidance from SM or ASM's.

Term: 3 Months

Reports to: Patrol Leader

Description: The Assistant Patrol Leader is appointed by his Patrol Leader. He represents his patrol on the Junior Leader's Council when called on by the Patrol Leader.

Comments: The Patrol Leader may easily be the most important job in the troop. He has the closest contact with the patrol members and is in the perfect position to help and guide them. The Patrol Leaders, along with the Senior Patrol Leader are the primary members of the Junior Leaders Council.

Qualifications

Age: none

Rank: none

Experience: none

Attendance: 50% or better over the past 6 months

Performance Requirements:

Training: You must attend the troop Junior Leader Training or better training even if you have attended in the past.

Effort: You are expected to give this your best effort in this position.

Attendance: You are expected to attend 75% or greater of all troop meetings, Junior Leaders' Council meetings, troop outings and service projects. If your attendance is low, or if two (2) unexcused absences in a row transpire, you can be removed from office.

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, shirt tails tucked in, with all required badges in the correct locations.

Behavior: Set the example by being an active Scout and live the Scout Oath and Law as an example to others in everyday life. Show Scout spirit in everything you say and do. Obey and live the outdoor code.

Attendance: Be punctual for meetings and activities. You must (call) notify the PL if you will be unable to attend a meeting or activity. You must ensure if you cannot make a meeting that the Patrol Leader will be attending and cover your position in your absence.

Specific Leadership Responsibilities

- Helps the Patrol Leader plan and steer patrol meetings and activities.
- Helps the Patrol Leader keep patrol members informed.
- Helps the patrol get ready for all troop activities.
- Represents his patrol at Patrol Leader's Council meetings when the Patrol Leader cannot attend.
- Lends a hand controlling the patrol and building patrol spirit.

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As the Leader of My Patrol

- **I WILL** lead my Patrol by my initiative and my personal example, in Scout craft knowledge as well as in Scout Spirit.
- **I WILL** plan, with my Scouts, the Patrol's activities--meetings, hikes, Good Turns, special projects--and will carry them out to the best of my ability.
- **I WILL** train my Assistant Patrol Leader to lead the Patrol in my absence, and give each of the other Scouts a chance to do some leading in the Patrol.
- **I WILL** keep well ahead of my Patrol in advancement, and will help my Scouts to advance by training them and examining them in Scout Requirements.
- **I WILL** set an example for my Patrol by wearing my Scout Uniform at all Scout activities, and will urge my Scouts to do the same.
- **I WILL** be responsible for the routine business of the Patrol attendance, dues, and the like--but will get some other Patrol member to keep the records.
- **I WILL** make a special effort to be a friend to each Scout of my Patrol, and to know his home, his parents, his school or work, so that I may truly be able to help him.

As a Leader in the Troop

- **I WILL** faithfully attend all sessions of the Patrol Leaders' Council to receive training for my job and to do my part in planning the program of the Troop.
- **I WILL** represent my Patrol at Patrol Leaders' Council, bringing before the Council the wishes of my Patrol, and taking back to my Patrol the decisions of the Council.
- **I WILL** promote the whole-hearted, punctual and well-disciplined participation of my Patrol in all Troop activities.

Patrol Leader Signature _____ **Date** _____
