



Troop 272 – Troop Guide

General Information

Type: Appointed by the SPL and Scoutmaster

Term: 6 months

Reports to: Scoutmaster and SPL

Description: The Troop Guide works with new Scouts. He helps them feel comfortable and earn their First Class rank in their first year. Typically there will be the same # of Troop Guides as patrols but this is not a rule but a guide. This position is an honor and not to be taken lightly.

Comments: The first year as a Boy Scout is a critical time with new places, new people, new rules, and new activities. The Troop Guide is a friend to the new Scouts and makes first year fun and successful. This is an important position and critical to the success of the new Scout transition into the troop and ensure there early rank advancement.

Qualifications

Age: More mature Scouts Typically 15+

Rank: Star or higher

Experience: none

Attendance: 75% or better over the past 6 months

Performance Requirements:

Training: Being this is an elected position this individual needs to be trained at the Junior Training.

Effort: You are expected to give this job your best effort and use the adult leadership and advice when you feel they are needed.

Attendance: You are expected to attend 80% 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: Set the example by being an active Scout. Be on time for meetings and activities. You must call the Senior Patrol Leader or 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 someone (A patrol leader if possible) is ready to assume your responsibilities. This requires you to "Be Prepared", plan ahead and this will never be an issue.

Specific Leadership Responsibilities

- Introduces new Scouts to Troop operations. Lives by the Scout Oath and Law. Shows Scout spirit.
- Guides new Scouts through early Scouting activities. Shields new Scouts from harassment by older Scouts.
- Helps new Scouts earn First Class rank in their first year. Teaches basic Scout skills.
- Attends campout and works with new Scout Patrol when needed.
- Coaches the Patrol Leader of the new Scout Patrol on his duties. Works with the Patrol Leader at Patrol Leaders' Council meetings.
- Attends Patrol Leaders' Council meetings with the Patrol Leader of the new Scout Patrol.
- Assists the Assistant Scoutmaster with training.
- Counsels individual Scouts on Scouting challenges. Sets a good example. Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
- Acts as the Patrol Leader for any recruiting function where Webelos need a guide during the event.