



## Troop 272 – Troop Instructor

### 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:** 14 or Higher

**Rank:** First Class 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% of all troop meetings, Patrol Leaders' Council meetings, outings, and service projects. If your attendance is low, or if you have three (3) unexcused absences in a row, 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

- Teaches basic Scouting skills in Troop and Patrols.
- Helps to train Junior Leaders in their position and coordinates the JLT training sessions.
- Sets a good example.
- Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
- Lives by the Scout Oath and Law.
- Shows Scout spirit.

*The Proper Trail to First Class (Reference Material needed in Troop Guide or instructor Positions)*

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Often sometimes Scouts can get off the trail to first class. A technique to overcome this is to group advancement together by subject that is being taught and not rank, it can sometimes make for a more efficient path to obtaining the rank of 1st Class Scout. This can often serve as a great "theme" for monthly planning; in addition, it sometimes keeps the boys focused on a particular subject without jumping around. by grouping them together this way it keeps the kids focused on a particular subject and by doing things that are related, they retain this information longer.

**\*TF: Tenderfoot \*SC: Second Class \*FC: First Class**

## Camping

- TF-1: Prep to Camp
- TF-2: Camp & pitch tent
- SC-2B: Select campsite
- FC-7C: make camp gadget

## Knots

- TF-4A: Demo whip and fuse rope
- TF-4B: Demo hitch knots
- FC-7A: Discuss lashings
- FC-7B: Demo lashings
- FC-8A: Demo rescue knot (bowline)

## Cooking

- TF-3: Prepare / cook meal
- SC-2D: Prep cook fire
- SC-2E: Fire & stove safety
- SC-2F: Light fire / stove
- SC-2G: Cook over wood fire
- FC-4A: Plan patrol menu
- FC-4B: Make food list
- FC-4C: Cooking utensils / gear
- FC-4D: Safe food handling
- FC-4E: Serve as patrol cook

## Map & Compass

- SC-1A: Map & compass use
- SC-1B: Map & compass hike
- FC-1: find way without compass
- FC-2: Orienteering course

## Physical Fitness

- TF-10A: Physical fitness test
- TF-10B: Show improvement

## First Aid

- TF-12A: Heimlich maneuver
- TF-12B: Show first aid
- SC-6A: handle hurry cases
- SC-6B: make first aid kit
- SC-6C: Show first aid
- FC-8B: Demo bandages
- FC-8C: Moving the injured
- FC-8D: Heart attack / CPR

## Citizenship

- TF-6: Demo flag care
- SC-3: Flag ceremony
- FC-5: Visit civic leader

## Patrol

- TF-7: Scouting principles
- TF-8: Patrol knowledge
- SC-4: Service project

## Swimming

- SC-7B: Demo swim ability
- SC-7C: Demo water rescue
- FC-9B: BSA swimmer's test
- FC-9C: Show Line rescue

## Nature

- TF-11: Identification of poisonous plants
- SC-2C: Knife, ax & saw
- SC-5: Identification of wild animals
- FC-6: Identification native plants

## Safety

- TF-5: Explain hiking rules
- TF-9: Buddy system
- FC-9A: Safe trip afloat
- SC-7A: Swimming precautions
- SC-8: Drug and alcohol program