

# Troop 995 – Junior Assistant Scoutmaster Duties and Goals



**Job description (some basics from the *BSA Junior Leader Handbook*):** The Junior Assistant Scoutmaster (JASM) serves in the capacity of an Assistant Scoutmaster except where legal age and maturity are required and is appointed by the Scoutmaster.

**Reports to:** the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster(s) responsible for an assigned area.

**Qualifications:** Minimum of “Star” rank, “Pine-Tree” trained and currently working on his “Eagle” rank.

**Term of Office:** 6 months (March thru August and September thru February)

- Scouts shall not serve more than 2 consecutive terms per office.

**Attendance:** Attendance of our Troop Officers at meetings and activities is not only expected, but is also a responsibility of this position. Attendance at 75% of all Troop functions will be considered a **minimum** requirement for Troop Officers.

## **Junior Assistant Scoutmaster duties:**

- Attends the patrol leaders' council meeting
- Must be at least 16 years of age and can become an ASM on his 18th birthday
- Functions as an Assistant Scoutmaster (except for leadership responsibilities reserved for adults 18 and 21 years of age or older).
- Works directly with the “SPL” and shadows the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters
- May be asked to teach advanced skills such as backpacking or rock climbing
- May be asked to run special programs at summer camp
- Aids in the PLC's annual program planning conference by sharing his experiences in camping and program activities
- Promotes the idea of ALL youth leadership attending ALL “PLC” meetings regularly
- Nominates Scouts for troop leadership positions with the advice and counsel of the Scoutmaster
- Works with the Scoutmaster and adult leaders to make sure the program reflects the goals and objectives of the troop, including advancement opportunities for our Scouts.
- Assists the Scoutmaster with junior leader training
- Sets a good example **ANY WHERE, ANY DAY, and ALL DAY**
- Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly
- Lives by the Scout Oath and Law
- Shows Scout spirit

The JASM position is a great way to utilize the troop's former senior patrol leaders and assistant senior patrol leaders to be future Adult Assistant Scoutmasters.