

# Troop 995 Patrol Leader Duties and Goals



**Job description (basics from the *BSA Junior Leader Handbook*):** The patrol leader is the elected leader of his patrol. He represents his patrol on the patrol leaders' council.

**Qualifications:** “Scout” rank

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

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

**Reports to:** (SPL) Senior Patrol Leader

**Patrol leader duties:**

- Attends monthly PLC meetings
- Appoints his Assistant Patrol Leader
- Ensures that the patrol is prepared for all troop activities
- Plans and steers patrol meetings
- Helps Scouts advance
- Keeps patrol members informed
- Notifies his APL and Patrol Advisor if unable to attend any Troop meetings
- Knows what his patrol members and other leaders can do
- 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

Your job is vital to the success of the troop. Everything that happens in the patrol is your responsibility and the success of the patrol is your goal. You need to define “success” and guide your patrol in that direction. (Examples of success: 80% attendance; at least one rank advancement for each patrol member, etc). Three functions missed without previous arrangements will suggest the need for a replacement. Should a Scout be removed from office for this reason, he will not be eligible to hold elected office for one term.