

Troop 995 – Senior Patrol Leader Duties and Goals



Job description (basics from the *BSA Junior Leader Handbook*): The Senior Patrol Leader is elected by the Scouts with the approval of the Scoutmaster to represent them as the top junior leader in the troop.

Reports to: the Scoutmaster

Qualifications: “Star” rank and “Pine-Tree” trained

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

Senior Patrol Leader duties:

- Runs all troop meetings, events, activities, and the annual program planning conference
- Creates a plan for each activity including schedule, objectives, and assignments for that activity
- Runs the patrol leaders' council meeting
- Ensures that all Scouts are kept informed of troop matters
- 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.
- Assigns duties and responsibilities to troop leaders
- 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

As SPL you are responsible for making sure that the troop runs smoothly and efficiently and that it continues to grow and improve. The success of the troop is your goal. You should give some thought as to what defines “success”. Some examples might be: recruitment of new Scouts, rank advancement of all Scouts, earning merit badges, improved and interesting meetings, successful activities, etc.