# **Junior Assistant Scoutmaster**



#### **General Information**

**Description:** The Junior Assistant Scoutmaster serves in the capacity of an Assistant Scoutmaster except where legal age and maturity are required. He must be at least 15 years old and not yet 18. He's appointed by the Scoutmaster because of his leadership ability. By accepting the position of Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, you agree to provide service and leadership to your troop. The responsibility should be fun and rewarding. This job description outlines some of the things you are expected to do while serving in this leadership role.

**Comments:** In many cases the JASM has the same responsibilities as an Assistant Scoutmaster.

Reports to:	Scoutmaster
Туре:	Appointed by the Scoutmaster
Term:	6 months

#### **Qualifications**

Age:	15 Years Old
Rank:	Eagle or Life with Considerable Progress
Experience:	Previous Senior Leadership Positions
Attendance:	75% for all activities over previous 6 months
Confirmation:	Appointment Approved by the Scoutmaster

#### **Performance Requirements**

Training:	You <b>must</b> attend the troop Junior Leader Training even if you have attended in the past. Your attendance also includes providing leadership at the training.
Attendance:	You are expected to attend at a minimum:  • 80% of Patrol Leaders' Council meetings  • 65% of troop meetings  • 65% of troop outings  • 65% of service projects  If your attendance is low, or if you have three (3) unexcused absences in a row, you can be removed from office.
Effort:	You are expected to give this job your best effort and use the adult leadership and advice when you feel they are needed.

## **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 as defined by troop communication.  • Shirt buttoned correctly, shirtfail tucked in.  • All required insignia and badges current and in their correct locations.
Behavior:	Set the example by living the Scout Oath and Law in your everyday life. Show Scout Spirit in everything you say and do.
Attendance:	Set the example by being an active Scout. Be on time and prepared for meetings and activities. If you are not going to be at a meeting you must call the Senior Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster. If you suddenly have to miss an outing, you must notify the Scoutmaster, the adult in charge, and the Senior Patrol Leader. You also need to make sure that the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader or his delegate is ready to assume your responsibilities. This requires you to "Be Prepared". Plan ahead and this will never be an issue.

## **Specific Leadership Responsibilities**

- Attend and participate in the PLC meetings.
- Performs duties as assigned by the Scoutmaster.

Duties	What it means in Troop 804
Function as a member of the PLC:	<ul> <li>Attend and participate in all PLC meetings.</li> <li>Provide helpful suggestions in the meeting planning process.</li> <li>Volunteer to lead activities at meetings.</li> <li>Make a list of items assigned to you and follow through on those items.</li> </ul>
Function as an Assistant Scoutmaster:	<ul> <li>Provides hints and tips for the SPL and ASPL.</li> <li>Help SPL and ASPL as required to manage the Troop meeting.</li> <li>Provide help with maintaining discipline.</li> <li>Provide leadership in carrying out troop activities.</li> </ul>
Accomplish any duties assigned by the Scoutmaster:	<ul> <li>Carry out special assignments as directed by the Scoutmaster.</li> <li>Support the SPL and the ASPL in their assignments.</li> <li>Advise other junior leaders in their responsibilities.</li> </ul>
Keep others informed:	Call the SPL at least once each week to pass along information and check on preparations for meetings and activities.
Set a good example:	<ul> <li>Be the first to reflect the scout sign.</li> <li>Maintain a positive and enthusiastic attitude.</li> <li>Exhibit good self-discipline.</li> <li>Have a good attendance record.</li> <li>Meet your obligations on time and in full effort.</li> <li>Have fun but not at the expense of others. Goofing off without purpose wastes time and loses the interest and respect of the other scouts.</li> <li>REMEMBER: The troop will follow your example.</li> </ul>
Wear the	Always conform to the Troop 804 uniform policy.

uniform correctly:	
Show Scout Spirit:	<ul> <li>Use the Scout Oath and Law as an everyday guideline.</li> <li>Actively participate in the activities of Troop 804.</li> <li>Set an example for the other Scouts to follow.</li> </ul>