

# Senior Patrol Leader



## General Information

**Description:** The Senior Patrol Leader is elected by the Scouts to represent them as the top junior leader in the Troop. By accepting the position of Senior Patrol Leader, 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:** The Senior Patrol Leader is the focal point of the troop. He needs to attend as close to all troop functions as possible. One of the major parts of the SPL's job is to appoint other troop leaders. He must choose leaders who are **able**, not just his friends or other popular Scouts. Boy Scout troops following the patrol method are Boy-Led and the young man in charge is you!

<b>Reports to:</b>	Scoutmaster
<b>Type:</b>	Elected by the members of the troop
<b>Term:</b>	6 months

## Qualifications

<b>Age:</b>	Preferably 14 years old or higher
<b>Rank:</b>	1st Class or Higher
<b>Experience:</b>	Previous service as SPL, PL, or APL
<b>Attendance:</b>	75% for all activities over previous 6 months
<b>Confirmation:</b>	Nomination Approved by Scoutmaster

## Performance Requirements

<b>Training:</b>	You <b>must</b> attend the troop Junior Leader Training, even if you have attended in the past.
<b>Attendance:</b>	<p>You are expected to attend at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 80% of Patrol Leaders' Council meetings</li> <li>• 65% of troop meetings</li> <li>• 65% of troop outings</li> <li>• 65% of service projects</li> </ul> <p>If your attendance is low, or if you have three (3) unexcused absences in a row, you can be removed from office.</p>
<b>Effort:</b>	You are expected to give this job your best effort and use the adult

	leadership and advice when you feel they are needed.
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## General Leadership Responsibilities

<b>Uniform:</b>	Set the example by wearing your uniform correctly. This means that you will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wear all of the parts of the troop uniform as defined by troop communication.</li> <li>• Shirt buttoned correctly, shirttail tucked in.</li> <li>• All required insignia and badges current and in their correct locations.</li> </ul>
<b>Behavior:</b>	Set the example by living the Scout Oath and Law in your everyday life. Show Scout Spirit in everything you say and do.
<b>Attendance:</b>	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

- Runs all troop meetings, events, activities, and the program planning conference.
- Runs the Patrol Leaders Council meetings.
- Appoints other troop youth leaders with the advice and counsel of the Scoutmaster.
- Assigns duties and responsibilities to youth leaders.
- Assists the Junior Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop Leader Training.
- Resolve conflicts between troop members.
- Participate in a conference with your advisor midway through your tenure to discuss and evaluate your responsibilities and the performance of your duties.
- Note: You can still have a conference with your advisor at any time. If you feel like having a discussion, just ask.

Duties	What it means in Troop 804
Preside at all Troop meetings, events, activities and the annual program planning conference:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have an agenda and backup plan for each meeting or event and share it with the ASPL one (1) week in advance of the event.</li> <li>• Call people responsible for program items and remind them of their responsibility.</li> <li>• Conduct the meeting or event and direct the activities of other Youth Leaders and Scouts.</li> <li>• Notify the ASPL and Scoutmaster if you are going to be absent from a meeting or event.</li> </ul>
Runs the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrive prepared with an agenda to the PLC meeting, allowing for youth leaders to focus on the agenda.</li> <li>• Conduct the PLC in an orderly fashion and stick to the agenda.</li> <li>• Working with the PLC, develop the detailed program plans for all Troop activities.</li> <li>• During the meeting do the following as a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Plan the meetings for the upcoming month, assigning each program item to youth leaders.</li> <li>◦ Recap the previous outing, discussing positive and negative.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Discuss the upcoming coming outing and any other Troop activities.</li> </ul>
Appoint leadership positions with the advice and consent of the Scoutmaster:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Before making any assignments, find out which Scouts need leadership positions for advancement.</li> <li>• Make selections based on above and Scouts experience, dependability and the requirements of the position to be held.</li> </ul>
Assign duties and responsibilities to other leaders:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delegate responsibilities throughout the Youth Leader Staff.</li> </ul>
Work with the Scoutmasters in training youth leaders:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the purpose and goals in training the youth leaders, and assist.</li> </ul>
Keep others informed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call the SM, ASM or JASM to confer on upcoming program items.</li> <li>• Call the ASPL each week to check they are following up on their assignments and communicate program information.</li> </ul>
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Set a good example:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 uniform correctly:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Always conform to the Troop 804 uniform policy.</li> </ul>
Show Scout Spirit:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>