



TROOP GUIDE

GENERAL INFORMATION

Type: Appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader

Term: 9 months

Reports to: Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Description: The Troop Guide works with new Scouts. He helps them feel comfortable and earn their early ranks in their first year.

Comments: The first year as a Boy Scout is a critical time with new places, new people, new rules, and new activities. The Troop Guide is a friend to the new Scouts and makes first year fun and successful. This is a very important position.

QUALIFICATIONS

Age: 13 or older

Experience: none

Rank: 1st Class or higher

Attendance: 50% over the previous 6 months

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Training: You must attend the Troop Leader Training (TLT) even if you have attended in the past.

Attendance: You are expected to attend 90% of all troop meetings, PLC meetings, outings, and 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.

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, shirttail tucked in, with all required badges 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. Lead by example at all times.

Attendance: Set the example by being an active Scout. Be on time for meetings and activities. You must call the ASPL or PL if you are not going to be at a meeting or if you suddenly have to miss an outing. You also need to make sure that someone will assume your responsibilities.

SPECIFIC LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

- Introduces new Scouts to troop operations from the time of visitation through the completion of First Class Rank requirements.
- Guides new Scouts through early Scouting activities
- Shields new Scouts from harassment by older Scouts.
- Teaches basic Scout skills.
- Coaches the patrol leader of the new Scout patrol on his duties.
- Serves as a member of the PLC meetings to represent the needs of new Scouts, attends the monthly meetings, and is not a voting member.
- Assists the Assistant Scoutmaster with training.
- Counsels individual Scouts on scouting challenges.