

## **Jobs for Patrol Members**

*All patrol members should have a meaningful job or duty. Examples include the following that you can assign:*

**Assistant Patrol Leader:** Leads the patrol in the Patrol Leader's absence and assumes additional duties when asked.

**Scribe:** The Patrol Scribe keeps the Patrol Logbook in which is recorded all the happenings of the Patrol. He also records the details of the patrol meetings when the patrol meets to make decisions. Some Patrol Scribes produce a monthly or quarterly Patrol newssheet for members and their parents.

**Patrol Treasurer:** He collects the Troop dues and keeps a record.

**Patrol Quartermaster:** This member of the patrol will look after, and take charge of patrol equipment i.e. camping equipment, training equipment (ropes and staves and triangular bandages and compasses), keeping them in good condition, and making sure they don't get lost.

**Patrol First Aider:** This duty goes to the member of the patrol with the most interest and expertise in first aid. He will assemble a patrol first aid kit useful for troop skill games and the Klondike derby.

### **Duties which can also be undertaken:**

**Patrol Grubmaster:** Responsible for planning and buying of food for camps, hikes and patrol meetings. This should be rotated and an experienced scout and parent should accompany a newer scout when shopping.

**Patrol Librarian:** builds up a library of training books and charts and keep good care of them.

**Patrol Hikemaster and Patrol Campmaster:** These two patrol members will be the experts in hiking and camping, and will lead the planning of patrol hikes and camps.

*Now this list is not final. You might decide - because you have patrol members with particular skills, or because there is a need for the good running of your Patrol - to appoint other duties. I have known that Scouts also fill the following roles in their Patrols:*

**Patrol Instructor:** in charge of instructing in skills. You can have different instructors to specialize in knots, fire building, compass, first aid, etc.

**Patrol Chaplain Aide:** says prayers and leads the religious activities in the Patrol.

**Patrol Musician:** if you have a guitar player or a musician of any sort, duty can be fitted in.

**Patrol Cheermaster:** your most enthusiastic and loudest scout to lead your patrol cheer.

**Patrol Ceremony Chief:** researches ideas and teaches the patrol new openings and closings to use at troop meetings.

**Patrol Photographer:** a member who is keen on photography.

**Patrol Scoop Reporter:** provides a short report on activities to the Troop Scoop Editor.

With all these things to be done, clearly some patrol members will undertake more than one job.

It is a good idea when giving responsibility to look for and people who are capable, sometimes it is necessary to persuade people to do jobs.

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