Leadership In The Troop
Notes

These are the tools in the toolbox

Every troop does things slightly different

Leadership from Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leaders’ perspective
Overview

Teachers (*Instructor, Troop Guide, Den Chief, OA Representative*)

Patrol Positions (*Historian, Chaplain Aide, Quartermaster, Scribe*)

Micro Leaders (*Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader*)

Macro Leaders (*Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior-Patrol Leader*)
Teachers

Train Scouts to prepare them for the adventures ahead.

➢ Good Communicators
➢ Patient
➢ Friendly
➢ Growth Mindset
Instructor

Master of a scouting skill(s)

Teaches

➢ Basic Scouting Skills (Tenderfoot through FC)
➢ Advanced Skills (Backpacking, wilderness Survival)
Troop Guide

- Works with new scouts
- Guides them through how the troop functions
- Helps them learn skills and earn ranks
- Coaches PL and APL
Den Chief

Works with Cubs, Webelos, and Den Leaders

Provides knowledge of games and skills

Encourages Cubs to join Boy Scouts

Assists with Den/Pack meetings
Order of the Arrow Representative

The link between the OA and the Troop

Helps older scouts get involved in high-adventure programs

Assists with leadership skills training
Patrol Positions

Ease people into leadership

Relieve responsibilities of macro leaders

Necessary for any high level troop
Historian

Gathers pictures or newspaper articles

Keeps a historical file or scrapbook

Provides a link to the past
Chaplain Aide/Chaplain

Helps with religious services
Makes sure religious holidays are considered
Prepares prayers and the grace
Encourages respect for others’ beliefs
Quartermaster

Keeps track of troop equipment
Notes what should be repaired or replaced
Organize a troop’s trailer
Does the patrols shopping
**Scribe**

Has a dedicated notebook, folder, or binder

Keeps track of advancement and attendance

Logs the PLC meeting

Keeps record of evaluations (SSCs)
Micro Leadership Positions

Showing how things are done, develops his team

⇒ EMPATHETIC / open minded
⇒ Adaptable
⇒ Fair
⇒ Creative
⇒ Communicative
**Patrol Leader**

- Delegates responsibility in the Patrol
- Represents the Patrol’s views
- Communicates what is happening to his members
- Helps develop his patrol members into leaders
- Helps teach skills to members
Assistant Patrol Leader

Much the same as the Patrol Leader

Helps the Patrol Leader with different tasks and decisions

Needs to Think Quickly and Adapt to situations

This makes the job in a way harder than Patrol Leader
Macro Leadership Positions

- EMPATHETIC / open minded
- Adaptable
- Fair
- Creative
- Communicative
- Consistent
Senior Patrol Leader

Makes decisions based on the views of those he leads
Develops those in leadership positions
Is the main communication link between adults and youth
Organizes planning and evaluation sessions
Uses and encourages creative leadership when faced with new problems or situations
Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

- Helps Senior Patrol Leader with various tasks
- Acts as an advisor to the SPL
- Takes over as SPL and adapts to the situation if the SPL is gone
What is Creative Leadership?

Important in Scouts and the Real World

Used when problems arise because of changing situations

The ability to create and realize innovative solutions

Arguably the most important leadership quality
REMEMBER

The more positions you delegate, the less you have to focus on the little tasks, and more people learn how to do things.

The less you focus on the little tasks, the more you can focus on the developing your leaders and fulfilling everyone’s vision.