

## **Qualifications:**

Is at least 21 years old, subscribes to the Declaration of Religious Principle, and agrees to abide by the Scout Oath or Promise and the Scout Law. Possesses the moral, educational, and emotional qualities that the Boy Scouts of America deems necessary to afford positive leadership to youth. Is selected by the chartered organization, and is registered as an adult leader of the BSA. One of these members is designated as troop committee chair.

Obviously, with a committee of three, members must assume responsibility for more areas of service than with a committee of seven or more, where the responsibilities can be divided among the members. Although troops can and do operate with a minimum of three committee members, experience has shown that a larger committee generally ensures a stronger, more stable troop and is better able to perform all the required functions to ensure a successful troop program. It is also a way of involving more troop families in meaningful service to the troop.

## **Responsibilities:**

Regardless of the size of the troop committee, these responsibilities must be performed:

Make recommendations to the chartered organization for final approval of troop leadership.

Recruit the Scoutmaster and one or more assistant Scoutmaster, with the chartered organization's approval.

Provide adequate and safe facilities for troop meetings.

Coordinate the troop's program and the chartered organization's program through the chartered organization representative.

Help with troop charter renewal.

Help stimulate the interest of adult family members through proper programming.

Supervise finances and equipment.

Work closely with the Scoutmaster.

Ensure that all Scouts receive a year-round, quality program.

Complete troop committee Fast Start Training and Basic Leader Training for the position.

Conduct, with the help of the Scoutmaster, periodic training for parents and guardians.

Cooperate with other Scouting units.

A strong troop committee will have individual members assigned to such areas as record keeping and correspondence, finances, advancement, training, public relations, and membership and re-registration. The troop committee chair decides how the responsibilities should be divided and gives committee members assignments.

# Troop Youth Roles

## Patrols

The Scout Troop is made up of patrols. A patrol is a grouping of any number of boys who work together. Each Patrol elects its own boy Leader called a Patrol Leader. The new Scout Patrol is composed of new members who have not entered the seventh grade. The experienced Scout Patrol is for those boys who are age 12 and older.

## The Troop's Youth Leaders

The troop is actually run by its boy leaders. With the guidance of the Scoutmaster and his assistants, they plan the program, conduct troop

meetings, and provide leadership among their peers.

## Junior Leader Positions

Senior patrol leader - top junior leader in the troop. He leads the patrol leaders' council and, in consultation with the Scoutmaster, appoints other junior leaders and assigns specific responsibilities as needed.

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader - fills in for Senior Patrol Leader in his absence. He is also responsible for training and giving direction to the

Quartermaster, Scribe, Troop Historian, Librarian, Instructor

## Troop members

Instructor - teaches one or more advancement skills to Troop members.

Chaplain Aide - assists in Troop Religious services and promotes Religious Emblems program.

Junior Assistant Scoutmaster - a Scout 16 or older who supervises and supports other boy Leaders as assigned.

Patrol Leader - gives leadership to members of his patrol and represents them on the Patrol Leader's Council.

Assistant Patrol Leader - fills in for the Patrol Leader in his absence.

Troop Guide - Advisor and Guide to the new Scout Patrol.

Den Chief - works with a Cub Scout Den as a Guide

Quartermaster - responsible for Troop supplies and equipment.

Scribe - the Troop Secretary.

Troop Historian - collects and maintains troop memorabilia and information on former troop members.

Librarian - keeps troop books pamphlets. magazines. audio visuals, and Merit Badge Counselor list available for use by.

*The Troop's activities are selected and planned at the annual program planning conference. The Troop's yearly plan is then submitted to the Troop Committee for approval. The Troop Committee either approves the plan or makes alternative suggestions for the Patrol Leaders' Council to consider. At it's monthly meetings, the Patrol Leader's Council organizes and assigns activity responsibilities for the weekly Troop meetings. The Troop Committee interacts with the Patrol Leader's Council through the Scoutmaster.*

## **Scoutmaster**

Scoutmaster Patch

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The Scoutmaster can be male or female\_ but must be at least 21 Years old. The Scoutmaster is appointed by the head of the chartered organization. For Troop 253, the chartered organization is Watts Chapel Baptist Church.

The Scoutmaster is the adult leader responsible for the image and program of the troop. The Scoutmaster and his assistant Scoutmasters work directly with the Scouts. The importance of the Scoutmaster's job is reflected in the fact that the quality of his guidance will affect every youth and adult involved in the troop.

### **The Scoutmaster's duties include:**

#### **General**

- Train and guide boy leaders
- Work with other responsible adults to bring Scouting to boys
- Use the methods of Scouting to achieve the aims of Scouting meetings
- Meet regularly with ihe patrol leaders' council for training and coordination in planning

Troop Committee meetings

-Attend troop committee meetings

### **Guidance**

- Conduct Scoutmaster conferences for all rank advancements
- Provide a systematic recruiting plan for new members and see that they are promptly registered
- Delegate responsibility to other adults and groups (assistant, Troop Committee) so that they have real part in Troop operations
- Supervise troop elections for the Order of the Arrow

### **Activities**

- Make it possible for each Scout to experience at least 10 days and nights of camping
- Build a strong program by using proven methods presented in Scouting literature
- Participate in Council and District events
- Conduct all activities under qualified leadership, safe conditions and the policies of the chartered organization and the Boy Scouts of America

### **Qualifications:**

An assistant Scoutmaster may be 18 years old, but at least one in each troop should be 21 or older so he or she can serve in the Scoutmaster's absence.

To fulfill his obligation to the troop, the Scoutmaster, with the assistance of the troop committee recruits assistant Scoutmasters to help operate the troop. Each assistant Scoutmaster is assigned specific program duties and reports to the Scoutmaster. They also provide the required two-deep leadership standards set by the Boy Scouts of America (there must be at least two adults present at any Boy Scout activity).

**Types of assistant Scoutmasters include:**

Assistant Scoutmaster - New Scouts

Assistant Scoutmaster - Venture

Assistant Scoutmaster – Varsity