

# Troop 43 Job Descriptions – PL



## Patrol Leader

**Job Description:** The Patrol Leader is the elected leader of his patrol. He represents his patrol on the Patrol Leaders' Council.

- Reports to: **The Senior Patrol Leader**
- Minimum Rank: **First Class**
- Minimum Time in Troop: **1 yr**
- Prerequisite Offices: **Assistant Patrol Leader** (recommended, not required)
- Elected by: **His Patrol**
- Term/Limitations: **6 months/1 yr**

### Patrol Leader Duties:

- Appoints the Assistant Patrol Leader.
- Represents the patrol on the Patrol Leaders' Council. This means carrying forward ideas and recommendations, as well as communicating directions and plans from the PLC back to the Patrol.
- Plans and steers patrol meetings. This implies that you should have monthly Patrol meetings and/or outings.
- Leads Patrol Activities. This means planning ahead for such things as a duty roster for campouts, menu plans, etc. Planning ahead and doing work ahead of time is one of the secrets to being a good leader. Waiting until everyone is looking for leadership before you think about what to do will usually produce disappointing results. Your patrol can certainly participate in developing "the plan".
- Helps scouts advance. The Patrol Leader should help teach and coach younger scouts in his patrol about scouting and scouting skills. He will also be asked to provide feedback for scouts on how well they are living up to the Scout Oath and Law.
- Acts as the chief recruiter of new scouts. This means stepping forward to introduce yourself to visitors or new scouts you don't know and making yourself available to visit a Webelos den meeting to talk about scouting in your troop and patrol.
- Keeps patrol members informed. Not only inform of Troop and Patrol activities, but remind of meetings, outings, etc. Calls his patrol members to remind them to attend a day or two before meetings. Divide this up with your APL.
- Knows what his patrol members and other leaders can do. This means really getting to know your patrol members and other leaders. Be interested in what they do and what they are good at. The best way to do this is to spend some time getting to know them and listening to them, maybe while you help them to do something.
- Sets a good example. Be enthusiastic in all things and try to help your Patrol and your scouts to be the best!

- Wears the uniform correctly. And neatly! Lead by example and help your patrol members develop pride in their appearance.
- Lives by the Scout Oath and Law. Also the Outdoor Code and makes sure that other scouts in the troop learn to live by these as well.
- Shows and helps develop patrol spirit.
- Shows Scout Spirit. This really means living up to the ideals of Scouting, including the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Outdoor Code, etc. as well as trying to be a friend to all in the Patrol.
- Attends most Scout meetings and camping trips.