

TROOP GUIDE

GENERAL INFORMATION

Type: Appointed by the Scoutmaster

Term: 1 year

Reports to: Scoutmaster

Description: The Troop Guide works with new Scouts. He helps them feel comfortable and earn their First Class rank 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 the first year fun and successful. This is an important position.

QUALIFICATIONS

Age: 14 or older

Rank: 1st Class or higher

Experience: None

Attendance: Satisfy the Troop's "active scout" standard by attending at least six troop events (meetings or campouts), and at least one community service event or troop service event (like the pancake breakfast), within the preceding six-month period.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Training: You must attend the troop Junior Leader Training even if you have attended in the past.

Attendance: You are expected to attend 80% of all troop meetings, Patrol Leaders Council 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.

Attendance: Set the example by being an active Scout. Be on-time for meetings and activities. You must call the Senior Patrol Leader or Scoutmaster 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.

Guides new Scouts through early Scouting activities

Shields new Scouts from harassment by older Scouts.

Helps new Scouts earn First Class in their first year.

Works with the Instructor to teach basic Scout skills.

Coaches the Patrol Leader of the new Scout patrol on his duties.

Works with the Patrol Leader at Patrol Leaders Council meetings.

Assists the Assistant Scoutmaster with training.

Counsels individual Scouts on Scouting challenges.