

JPL Troop 509 Leadership Position Description

ASSISTANT PATROL LEADER

GENERAL INFORMATION

Position: Elected by the members of the patrol

Term: 6 months **Reports to:** Patrol leader

Role: Assistant patrol leaders (APL) assist the patrol leader and lead the patrol in the patrol leader's

absence

Comments: Substituting for the patrol leader is only part of the APL's duties. The APL actively helps run the

patrol.

Note: The assistant patrol leader position does not satisfy the Star, Life or Eagle rank requirements

for a position of responsibility in the troop.

QUALIFICATIONS

Age: 11 or older

Rank: Tenderfoot rank or higher

Experience: None

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Training: You must attend the Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)

Attendance: You are expected to attend 80% of all troop meetings, 70% of all outings and 25% of all service

projects. If your attendance is low, or if you have three 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 a good example by wearing your uniform correctly. Wear all of the parts of the troop uniform,

shirt tucked in, with all required badges in their correct locations.

Behavior: Set a good example by living the scout oath and law in your everyday life. Show scout spirit in

everything you say and do.

Attendance: Set a good example by being an active scout. Be on time for meetings and activities. You must

contact the senior patrol leader or Scoutmaster if you are not going to be at a meeting or if you have to miss an outing. You also need to make sure that someone will assume your responsibilities when

you are going to be absent.

SPECIFIC LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

- Set a GOOD EXAMPLE (the most powerful form of leadership)

- Help the patrol leader plan and lead patrol meetings and activities
- Help the patrol leader keep patrol members informed
- Help the patrol get ready for all troop activities
- Represent the patrol at Patrol Leaders' Council meetings when the patrol leader cannot attend
- Always lend a hand running the patrol and building patrol spirit