



## JPL Troop 509 Leadership Position Description

# HISTORIAN

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Position:** Appointed by the scoutmaster  
**Term:** 12 months  
**Reports to:** Scoutmaster  
**Role:** The historian keeps a historical record or scrapbook of troop activities.  
**Comments:** The true value of a good historian does not show up until years later. The historian provides material for displays and presentations of current activities. In addition, the work of the historian provides the troop a link with the past.

### QUALIFICATIONS

- Age:** 12 or older  
**Rank:** First Class rank or higher  
**Experience:** none, but interest in photography and PowerPoint presentations is helpful  
**Attendance:** 50% over the previous 12 months

### PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Training:** You must attend the Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops even if you have attended in the past.  
**Attendance:** You are expected to attend 60% of all troop meetings, Troop Leadership Corps (TLC) meetings, outings, and service projects. If your attendance is low, or if you have three unexcused absences in a row, you can be removed from office.  
**Effort:** When you accept this position, you agree to provide service and leadership to the troop. 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).
- Serve as an active member of the TLC.
- Keep a journal of troop events for historical purposes. Include reports of each outing or activity and document with photographs and maps when possible. This journal should be made available at each court of honor so that troop members may review it.  
Such a journal may be used by scouts in future years to look back and know what kinds of things the troop was doing. It can also be used for recruiting new scouts.
- Maintain a troop slide show for presentation at troop events. Keep the show current with slides from recent trips. Replace slides of older trips with ones from more recent outings.
- Gather as much history of the troop as possible, in whatever form is available. Talk to former members of the troop and record conversations on tape. Collect pictures and other artifacts when available.
- Take care of troop trophies, ribbons, and other awards.