



**JPL Troop 509**  
**Leadership Position Description**

**SENIOR PATROL LEADER**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Position:** Elected by the members of the troop

**Term:** 12 months

**Reports to:** Scoutmaster

**Role:** The senior patrol leader (SPL) is responsible for running troop meetings and the Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC) meetings. The SPL is the top scout leader in the troop.

**Comments:** The SPL is the focal point of the troop. The SPL needs to participate in as many troop functions as possible. A major part of the SPL's job is to manage other scouts who hold troop leadership positions. The SPL must be willing and able to provide leadership to everyone, not just the SPL's friends or other popular scouts. The SPL needs to have good leadership skills and be someone who scouts will wish to follow.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

**Age:** 14 or older

**Rank:** Star rank or higher

**Experience:** Past service as patrol leader, troop guide or instructor, preferably with Oak Badge or High Adventure experience

**PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS**

**Training:** You must attend Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST), and it is recommended that you attend National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

**Attendance:** You are expected to attend 90% of all troop meetings and PLC 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:** When you accept this position, you agree to provide service and leadership to the troop. You are expected to devote lots of time and energy to this job and give it 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 Scoutmaster if you are not going to be at a meeting or if you have to miss an activity or outing. You also must train our assistant senior patrol leaders so they are ready to assume your responsibilities in your absence, or when you move on.

**SPECIFIC LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Set a GOOD EXAMPLE (the most powerful form of leadership)
- Lead all troop meetings, events, activities, and Camporee preparations
- Plan and run PLC meetings
- Lead the development of the annual troop calendar (meetings, outings)
- Lead the planning of troop meetings (presentations, skill instruction, competitions, etc.)
- Select and administer disciplinary action, when necessary
  - Assign duties and responsibilities to PLC members
  - Mentor patrol leaders and other troop leaders (especially future SPL candidates)
  - Assist the Scoutmaster with leadership training for the PLC