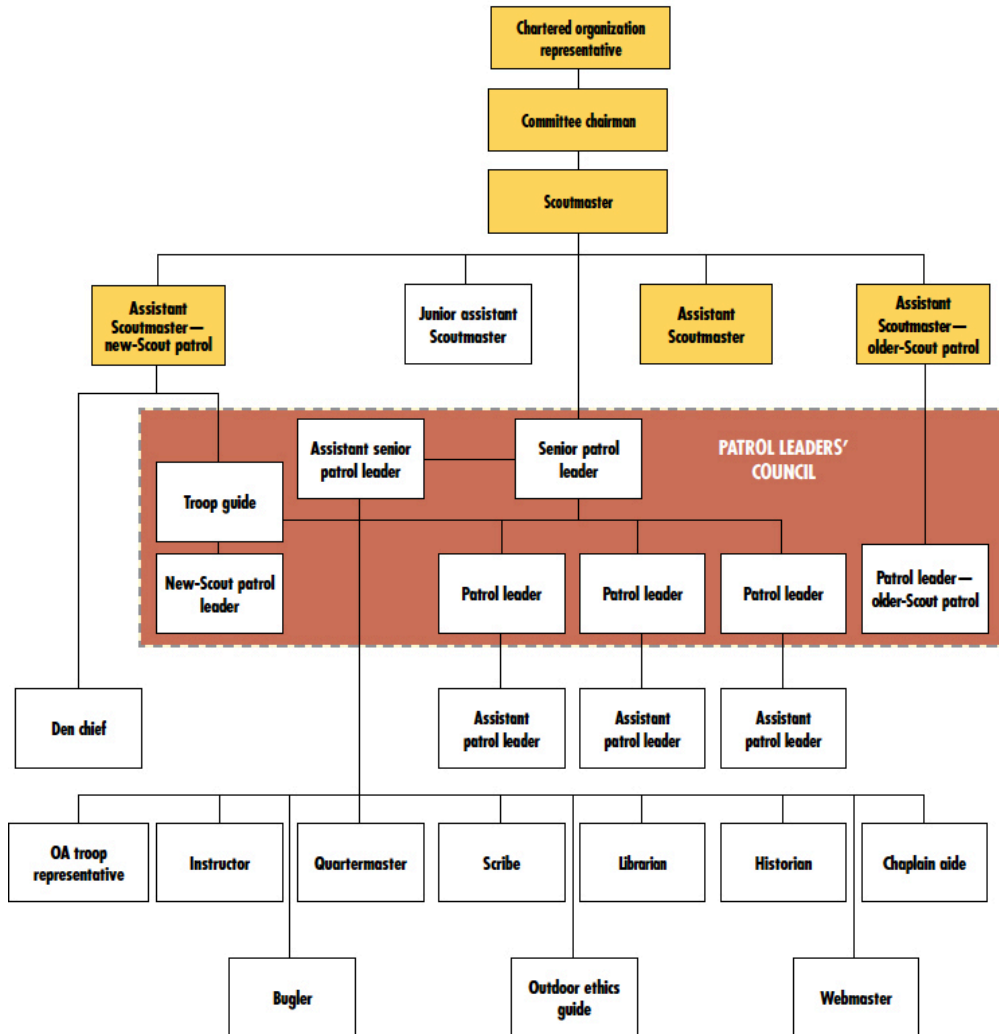


## THE PATROL METHOD – How the Troop is Organized

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The Patrol System differentiates Scouting from other organizations. When properly applied, it brings success. "The formation of the boys into Patrols of from six to eight and training them as separate units under its own responsible leader is the key to a good troop. The patrol is the unit of Scouting always, whether for work or for play, for discipline or for duty." - Lord Baden-Powell

## **TROOP ELECTIONS AND JUNIOR LEADERSHIP**

1. Troop and patrol elections will be conducted each March and September.
2. A new Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL) will be elected every six months.
3. The SPL and ASPL are elected from current and former Patrol Leaders (PL) only. This will allow continuity within the Patrol Leaders Council.
4. Scouts Jr. leaders must attend the majority of troop meetings and the majority of troop outings during his leadership time to qualify for his leadership rank requirement.
5. Failure to properly fulfill the duties of his leadership position may cause the Scout to be dismissed from that position.

## **PATROL LEADERS COUNCIL (PLC)**

1. The PLC consists of one Patrol Leader or representative from each patrol, Troop Scribe, SPL, ASPL, and all Scouts holding Troop-level leadership positions.
2. PLC meetings will be conducted each quarter to plan for the next 3 months of activities, including Troop meetings, activities, camping programs, duty rosters, and service projects.
3. The PLC will work with the Troop Committee and Scoutmaster to develop the annual Troop calendar. The Troop Scribe will update the troop's Scoutlander calendar once dates are determined.
4. The Troop Scribe will complete records of which Scouts attended PLC meetings. A Scout who misses two or more PLC meetings without a valid excuse may be dismissed from his leadership position, and another Scout will take his place in the PLC.

## **TROOP EQUIPMENT**

1. The Pack/Troop/Crew may make equipment available for use during Pack/Troop/Crew activities. This equipment may include items intended for group use, special purpose items.
2. The Pack/Troop/Crew will not provide any personal gear.
3. Only Scouts or adult leaders who are active members of the Pack/Troop/Crew may check out equipment, and only for use during Pack/Troop/Crew activities or BSA training activities.
4. The Quartermaster shall be given a signed receipt for any equipment checked out. The receipt will show the name of the borrower, the checkout date and time, a description of the equipment borrowed and its condition at that time.
5. The Quartermaster shall use the checkout receipt to verify that the proper equipment is returned and to verify any change in the condition of the equipment.
6. The Quartermaster may refuse to accept the return of any equipment that is dirty, damaged, or deemed to be unacceptable in his/her opinion.
7. The individual checking out the equipment will be responsible for the proper care and prompt return of the equipment, and for the replacement cost of any lost, destroyed, or abnormally damaged equipment.
8. The Pack/Troop/Crew will be responsible for the cost of repair or replacement of equipment due to normal wear.

## **MEDICAL/HEALTH AND SAFETY**

1. Scouts will be required to have a record of medical condition and emergency contact on file.
2. The Scoutmaster or his designated assistant will retain all medicines and drugs at all Troop activities. Medicines and drugs must remain in original container, and parents must provide written directions for administration to the Scoutmaster. Exceptions may be made for inhalers dependent on the severity of the Scout's condition.
3. Scouts who have physical or mental disabilities will be encouraged to participate in all Troop activities to the extent they are able to do so. Parental support or assistance may be required.

4. All drivers transporting scouts must be at least twenty-one years of age and have a valid operator's license in their possession. All vehicles will be insured for the minimum amount of insurance required by BSA.
5. Scouts will obey the rules established by the drivers of vehicles used for transportation. Seat belts are required for all occupants and must be in use when the vehicle is operated. Scouts are not permitted to ride in open truck beds. Scouts are not permitted to hang out of vehicle windows, throw anything from a vehicle or yell at pedestrians or drivers of other vehicles.

### **CAMPOUT RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Scouts are required to have on file with the Pack/Troop/Crew a record of emergency data and Boy Scout physical on the appropriate form required for participation in the scouting activity.
2. The parent or guardian of a Scout who misbehaves at a campout will be called to come and pick up that Scout.
3. No Scout is permitted to leave the campsite unless he has received prior approval from the Scoutmaster or SPL. Scout who leaves the campsite shall use Buddy System.
4. No Scout is permitted to leave a campout early unless prior approval has been received from the Scoutmaster. It is the Scout's duty to stay until the conclusion of the campout and help clean the campsite.
5. Scouts will maintain the campsite in a clean and orderly manner at all times.
6. No fires will be built at a campsite unless prior approval has been received from the Scoutmaster. No fires, heaters or candles are permitted inside tents.
7. Each patrol will set-up its tents in the site selected by the SPL or the Scoutmaster.
8. Scouts will not borrow or use another Scout's or adult's equipment without first receiving their permission. Scouts will not go inside another Scout's tent unless permission has been received.
9. All fees due for troop activities will be paid one week before the campout. None of these fees will be refunded if the Scout fails to attend. The food fee for each outing will be established prior to the campout by Patrol.