

Senior Patrol Leader

“The junior leader with the most responsibility in a troop is the **Senior Patrol Leader**. He is elected by all of the members of the troop. Each troop sets its' own requirements and schedule of elections, though senior patrol leaders are usually chosen at six- to 12-month intervals and can be reelected.”

— Scoutmaster Handbook p. 13



Serving as **Senior Patrol Leader** can apply towards Positions of Responsibility requirements for Star, Life, and Eagle.

Senior Patrol Leader



Selection: Elected

Selected by: Youth troop members

Reports to: Scoutmaster

The **Senior Patrol Leader** is the youth head of the troop. All other youth positions report to him, directly or indirectly. He is elected by the troop's youth members as a whole, usually to serve a 6- or 12-month term.

Reports to

Scoutmaster

Responsibilities

Runs all troop meetings, events, activities, and the annual program planning conference.

Runs the Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC) meetings.

Appoints other troop junior leaders with the advice and counsel of the Scoutmaster.

Assigns duties and responsibilities to junior leaders.

Assists the Scoutmaster with junior leader training.

Sets a good example.

Enthusiastically and correctly wears the Scout uniform (all four parts).

Lives by the Scout Oath and Law.

Shows Scout spirit.

Equivalents

The Senior Patrol Leader is top youth leader in its unit. Other top youth leaders are:

Senior Patrol Leader - Boy Scouting

Captain - Varsity Scouting

Crew President - Venturing

Boatswain - Sea Scouting

Post President - Exploring