



### **Assistant Patrol Leader (APL)**

**Note:** This position will NOT count toward rank advancement.

#### **Job Description:**

The **Assistant Patrol Leader** is appointed by the Patrol Leader and assists the Patrol Leader in his responsibilities, and leads the Patrol (on a temporary basis) in the absence of the Patrol Leader. The Assistant Patrol Leader uses this position as a support role and a building platform for future positions of responsibility within the Troop. The Assistant Patrol Leader is appointed by the Patrol Leader, SPL and approved by the Scoutmaster immediately after a new Patrol Leader is elected. By Troop Committee decision, he must be at least **First Class** rank and have **JLT** Training. The Assistant Patrol Leader, at the direction of the Scoutmaster, is responsible for writing a summary of accomplishments at the end of each term of office. At all times the Assistant Patrol Leader must be aware that he is a role model for the Scout Troop and he should demonstrate leadership and provide a living example by following the ideals and principles of Scouting.

**Reports to:** The Patrol Leader

**Adult Mentor:** Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, or designee

#### **Assistant Patrol Leader Qualifications:**

- First Class
- JLT Training

**Counts toward rank:** *none*

**Length of term:** 4 months (March-June, July-October, November-February)

**Assistant Patrol Leader duties:**

- Regularly attends Troop meetings, Troop campouts, and Troop events during his service period.
- Assist the Patrol Leader in planning and leading Patrol meetings and outings.
- Assist the Patrol Leader in keeping the members of your Patrol informed,
- Assist the Patrol Leader in preparing your Patrol to take part in all Troop activities.
- Help the Patrol Leader plan and steer Patrol meetings and Patrol time at Troop meetings.
- Oversee the assignment of each Patrol member a job and help them succeed.
- Know what patrol members and other leaders can do to help your Patrol.
- Take charge of the Patrol in the absence of the Patrol Leader.
- Represent the Patrol at Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC) meetings in the absence of the Patrol Leader.
- Work with the other Troop leaders to help make the Troop run well.
- Help build Patrol spirit.
- Attend 2/3<sup>rds</sup>, or more, of all Troop meetings during his service period.
- Attend 1/2, or more, of all Troop campouts during his service period.
- Set a good example and be a positive role model to the Troop membership through cheerful service and following the ideals and principles of Scouting.
- Wear the full class "A" Scout Uniform correctly to all Scout meetings, outings, activities and functions during his service period.
- Live by the Scout Law and Scout Oath.
- Demonstrate Scout spirit.

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