



### **Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)**

#### **Job Description:**

The **Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)** is the highest ranking Junior Leader of the Troop who works closely with the Scoutmaster and other adult leaders, as well as the PLC. The SPL is elected by majority vote of the Troop. By Troop Committee decision, he must be at least **Star** rank and have **JLT Training (JLT)**. He is responsible for leading PLC. The SPL is responsible, with the help of the other members of the PLC, to plan and carry out the Troop meetings, campouts, events, activities, outings, and the annual planning conference. The SPL is the primary officer responsible for discipline in most activities. In particular the SPL is responsible, with the Quartermaster and Adult Quartermaster(s) for selecting Troop gear to take on campouts. When the SPL cannot be present, he should ensure that a senior member of the PLC (usually an ASPL) will be present to conduct the meeting, organize the campout, etc. The SPL, 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 SPL must be aware that he is the primary 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:** Scoutmaster, or designee

**Adult Mentor:** Scoutmaster, or designee

#### **Senior Patrol Leader Qualifications:**

- Star Scout
- JLT Training

**Counts toward rank:** Life, Eagle

**Length of term:** 6 months (March-August, September-February)

**Senior Patrol Leader duties:**

- While in this position is not considered a member of, nor functions as member of, his regularly assigned Patrol.
- Arrive at least 15 minutes prior to each Troop meeting, unless otherwise indicated.
- Regularly attends Troop meetings, Troop campouts, and Troop events during his service period.
- Plan (written plan) and preside over all Troop meetings, campouts, events, activities, outings, and the annual program planning conference.
- Chairs and regularly attends all Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC) monthly meetings occurring during his service period.
- Collects PLC reports from the Troop Guides and uses them to generate the Troop Meeting Planner and Campout Activities Planner.
- Appoints other Boy Leaders with the advice and consent of the Scoutmaster.
- Assigns duties and responsibilities to other Junior Leaders.
- Assists with Scoutmaster in training Junior Leaders.
- Delegates task to the ASPL's. Makes sure an ASPL attends any meeting/function he will not be able to attend (Troop, PLC, Committee Meeting, etc.).
- Oversees the planning efforts of Scouts for all Troop campouts (whether he attends these outing or not).
- Arrive at least 30 minutes early for any Troop outing, and when necessary, meet with the Quartermaster and Adult Quartermaster(s) for gear selection and assignment.
- Attends all Troop meetings during his service period.
- Attends all PLC meetings during his service period.
- Attends all CLM meetings during his service period.
- Attends all Troop campouts during his service period.
- The SPL may not leave an event early. He must stay until the last roll call is made and make sure every Scout has a ride. Report findings to SM.
- 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.
- Wears 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.