

Patrol Leader's Council (PLC)

The troop is actually run by its boy leaders. With the guidance of the Scoutmaster and his assistants, the boy leaders plan the program, conduct troop meetings, and provide leadership among their peers. The Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC), not the adult leaders, is responsible for planning and conducting the troop's activities. The PLC is composed of the elected and appointed troop leadership positions and the Patrol Leaders.

The troop's activities are selected and planned at the annual program planning conference. The troop's yearly plan is then submitted to the Troop Committee for approval. The Troop Committee either approves the plan or makes alternative suggestions for the Patrol Leaders' Council to consider. At its monthly meetings, the PLC organizes and assigns activity responsibilities for the weekly troop meetings. The Troop Committee interacts with the PLC through the Scoutmaster.

Youth Leader Positions

- Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) - top youth leader in the troop. He is elected by the entire troop and leads the Patrol Leaders' Council and, in consultation with the Scoutmaster, appoints other youth leaders and assigns specific responsibilities as needed.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL) - fills in for Senior Patrol Leader in his absence. There may be more than one ASPL. They are responsible for training and giving direction to the quartermaster, scribe, troop historian, librarian, and instructors.
- Quartermaster - maintains and inventories troop equipment.
- Troop Historian - collects and maintains troop history.
- Librarian - keeps troop books, pamphlets, magazines, audiovisuals, and merit badge counselor list available for use by troop members.
- Instructor - teaches one or more advancement skills to troop members.
- Chaplain Aide - assists in troop religious services and promotes religious emblems program.
- Junior Assistant Scoutmaster (JASM) - an Eagle Scout, 16 years or older, who supervises and supports other boy leaders as assigned by the Scoutmaster.
- Patrol Leader (PL) - gives leadership to members of his patrol and represents them on the PLC.
- Assistant Patrol Leader (APL) - fills in for the Patrol Leader in his absence.
- Troop Guide - advisor and guide to the Patrol and Patrol Leader.
- Den Chief - works with a Cub Scout den as a guide.
- Scribe - the troop secretary.

