



BSA TROOP 52
1st UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, LAWRENCE, KANSAS
ELECTED YOUTH LEADERSHIP DESCRIPTIONS

SENIOR PATROL LEADER (SPL)

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Term:** 6 months or more
Reports to: Scoutmaster
Description: The Senior Patrol Leader represents the Scouts as the top junior leader in the troop.
Comments: The Senior Patrol Leader is the focal point of the troop. He needs to attend as close to all troop functions as possible. One of the major parts of the SPL's job is to appoint other troop leaders. He must choose leaders who are able, not just his friends or other popular Scouts.

QUALIFICATIONS AS STATED IN TROOP BY-LAWS

- Age:** None
Rank: First class or higher
Experience: Previous service as PL
Attendance: In good standing with the troop with 75% over previous 6 months

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Training:** You must attend the troop Junior Leader Training.
Attendance: You are expected to attend 75% of all troop meetings, Patrol Leaders' Council meetings, outings, and service projects. If your attendance is low, or if you have three (3) unexcused absences in a row, you can be removed from office at the Scoutmaster's discretion.
Effort: You are expected to give this job your best effort.

GENERAL LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

- Uniform:** Set the example by wearing your uniform correctly. This means that you will wear all of the parts of the troop uniform, shirttail tucked in, with all required badges in their correct locations.
Behavior: Set the example by living the Scout Oath and Law in your everyday life. Show Scout Spirit in everything you say and do.
Attendance: Set the example by being an active Scout. Be on time for meetings and activities. You must call the Scoutmaster if you are not going to be at a meeting or if you suddenly have to miss an outing. You also need to make sure that the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader is ready to assume your responsibilities.

SPECIFIC LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

- Runs all troop meetings, events, activities, and the annual program planning conference
- Runs the Patrol Leader's Council meeting
- 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
- If unable to attend an activity, the SPL will work with the Scoutmaster to determine the temporary SPL for the activity.
- After each activity, the SPL will submit the activity attendance list to Advancement Chair for record updating. After records are updated, the SPL will give list to the Historian who will submit the activity list and a brief description of the activity for publication in the "Scouting News" section of the local newspaper