

Assistant Patrol Leader (APL)

The Patrol Leader's right hand — and the patrol's backup leader.

OVERVIEW

The APL supports the Patrol Leader and steps up when the PL is absent. This is often a newer or developing leader learning the ropes of leading a small team.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1 Support the Patrol Leader in all patrol activities
- 2 Lead the patrol when the PL is unavailable
- 3 Help keep patrol records and attendance
- 4 Encourage newer scouts in the patrol

TIME COMMITMENT

1–2 hours/week

IDEAL FOR

A newer Scout ready for their first leadership role

WORKS WITH

Patrol Leader

Senior Patrol Leader

TIPS FROM LEADERS WHO'VE DONE IT

The best APLs know what the PL needs before being asked.

Own the patrol's gear list — know what's clean, what's broken, what's missing.