

ADULT ROLE • SCOUTMASTER TEAM

Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM)

Supports the Scoutmaster and often owns a specific program area.

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OVERVIEW

Assistant Scoutmasters work alongside the Scoutmaster to deliver the troop program. Most effective ASMs own a specific area — campouts, new scout integration, merit badges, or high adventure — rather than being a general helper.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1 Support the Scoutmaster at meetings and campouts
- 2 Own a specific program area (varies by assignment)
- 3 Maintain current Youth Protection and BSA training
- 4 Conduct Scoutmaster Conferences when assigned
- 5 Mentor individual scouts as directed by the Scoutmaster

TIME COMMITMENT

3–6 hours/week depending on assignment

IDEAL FOR

A trained adult volunteer with a specific skill or area of passion

WORKS WITH

[Scoutmaster](#)

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TIPS FROM LEADERS WHO'VE DONE IT

Own your lane. A focused ASM is more valuable than a diffuse one.

The Scoutmaster sets direction — your job is to execute it and give honest feedback.

Don't run the program in front of the scouts. Let youth leaders lead.