

Patrol Leader (PL)

The leader of a patrol — the backbone of the troop.

OVERVIEW

The Patrol Leader runs their patrol. Full stop. They plan patrol meetings, represent their scouts at PLC, and are responsible for the morale and advancement of every scout in their patrol. This is where most real Scout leadership happens.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1 Lead patrol meetings and campout activities
- 2 Represent the patrol at PLC meetings
- 3 Ensure every patrol member is advancing
- 4 Assign patrol duties (cook, quartermaster, etc.)
- 5 Communicate event info to patrol families
- 6 Maintain patrol spirit and culture

TIME COMMITMENT

2–3 hours/week plus PLC meetings

IDEAL FOR

A Tenderfoot or above Scout who cares about their patrol members' success

WORKS WITH

Assistant Patrol Leader

Senior Patrol Leader

Troop Guide

TIPS FROM LEADERS WHO'VE DONE IT

Know what every scout in your patrol needs for their next rank.

Text or call your patrol before every event — don't leave it to parents.

A patrol that eats well together stays together. Take cooking seriously.

Bring real problems to PLC — don't just sit quietly.