

# TROOP ORGANIZATION

## **TROOP COMMITTEE**

SCOUTMASTER

SENIOR PATROL LEADER

PATROL LEADERS

SCOUTS

## COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

- THE BOSS OF THE TROOP
- #1 JOB IS MAKING SURE THE TROOP SUCCEEDS BY FINDING AND KEEPING A SCOUTMASTER.

## VICE CHAIRMAN

- FILLS IN FOR CHAIRMAN

## TREASURER

- THE MONEY PERSON

## SECRETARY

- TAKES MINUTES AND WRITES LETTERS

## QUARTERMASTER

- IN CHARGE OF ALL OF THE TROOP GEAR

## CAMPING AND TRANSPORTATION CHAIRMAN

- MAKES ALL RESERVATIONS AND TOUR PERMITS
- ARRANGES TRANSPORTATION FOR SCOUT FUNCTIONS.

## FUNDRAISING

- ORGANIZE FUNDRAISERS

## RECOGNITION COORDINATOR

- ORGANIZES COURT OF HONORS AND POTLUCKS

## SCOUTING LIAISON

- OUR CONNECTION WITH THE CLUB

## ADVANCEMENT

- MAINTAINS ALL ADVANCEMENT RECORDS FOR THE TROOP.
- MAKES SURE YOU RECEIVE YOUR AWARDS

## SCOUT ACCOUNT COORDINATOR

- MAINTAINS YOUR SCRIP ACCOUNTS

## MEMBERSHIP

- NEW SCOUT RECRUITMENT

THIS IS THE TOTAL COMMITTEE. ACCORDING TO THE B.S.A., THEY HAVE TWO KEY JOBS:

1. TO SELECT THE BEST POSSIBLE PERSON AS SCOUTMASTER AND PERIODICALLY REVIEW HIS PERFORMANCE.
2. TO SUPPORT THE SCOUTMASTER WITH WHATEVER ASSISTANCE HE NEEDS FOR THE TROOP PROGRAM.

THESE TWO LINES SUM UP THE COMMITTEE'S FUNCTION IN THE TROOP.

## **THE SCOUTMASTER**

1. THIS IS THE ONE PRIMARY ADULT IN CHARGE OF DIRECTING AND ORCHESTRATING THE BOY LEADERSHIP.
2. ALL SCOUT EVENTS ARE HIS RESPONSIBILITY WHETHER HE IS PRESENT OR NOT. IF THERE IS AN EVENT THAT HE CANNOT ATTEND, HE IS TO DELEGATE IT TO AN ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER.
3. WHILE THIS POSITION CAN BE SHARED, IT IS USUALLY ONE MAN WHO LIKES A CHALLENGE.
4. THE SCOUTMASTER IS THE ADULT WHO THE SCOUTS GO TO FOR JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING. HE IS THEIR LINK TO THE COMMITTEE.
5. THE SCOUTMASTER HAS A VERY DIFFICULT AND TIME CONSUMING JOB.
6. HE REQUIRES YOUR RESPECT.

## **BOY LEADERSHIP**

1. JUNIOR ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER
  - APPOINTED BY THE SCOUTMASTER.
  - 17 YEAR OLD LIFE OR EAGLE WHO HAS BECOME INVALUABLE TO THE SCOUTMASTER.
  - ACTS AT THE DIRECTION OF THE SCOUTMASTER.

## 2. SENIOR PATROL LEADER

- TOP BOY LEADER IN THE TROOP.
- ELECTED BY HIS PEERS.
- HE IS THE RIGHT HAND OF THE SCOUTMASTER.
- PLANS TROOP CALENDAR WITH THE TROOP LEADERSHIP COUNCIL.
- HE NEEDS TO BE ORGANIZED.
- MAKES SURE THE TROOP PROGRAM IS CARRIED OUT.
- OVERSEES AND DIRECTS ALL OF THE PATROL LEADERS
- COMPENSATES FOR ANY WEAKNESS IN THE PATROL LEADERS.
- UTILIZES HIS ASSISTANTS TO HELP HIM RUN THE TROOP. IF HE IS SMART!
- HE RUNS THE TROOP LEADERSHIP COUNCIL.
- WORKS TO KEEP DISCIPLINE IN THE TROOP.
- GETS ATTENDANCE LISTS FOR OUTINGS.
- CAN GIVE THE SCOUTMASTER A LIST OF WHO IS GOING ON ANY OUTING IN THE NEXT 2 MONTHS!
- #1 SALESMAN FOR THE TROOP.
- COMMUNICATES THROUGH THE PATROL LEADERS.
- SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE TROOP.

## 3. ASSISTANT SENIOR PATROL LEADER

- APPOINTED BY S.P.L. AND SCOUTMASTER.
- ACTS AT THE DIRECTION OF THE SENIOR PATROL LEADER AND THE SCOUTMASTER.
- SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE TROOP.

#### 4. PATROL LEADER

- ELECTED BY HIS PEERS.
- SHOULD BE THE MOST DIFFICULT JOB IN TROOP.
- CAN ALSO BE THE MOST REWARDING.
- MEMBER OF THE T.L.C.
- HELPS PLAN TROOP CALENDAR.
- IN CHARGE OF HIS SPECIFIC PATROL.
  - a. 6 TO 10 SCOUTS
- COMES UP WITH PATROL NAME AND FLAG.
  - a. CONSENSUS OF PATROL.
  - b. BE CREATIVE.
  - c. NEED A PATROL YELL OR SONG.
  - d. REMEMBER THE FINE LINE BETWEEN BEING ORIGINAL AND FUNNY VERSUS THAT WHICH IS UNACCEPTABLE AND CRUDE.
- PLANS AND CARRIES OUT CAMPOUT MEALS.
- RESPONSIBLE FOR PATROL ATTENDANCE AT SCOUT FUNCTIONS.
- RESPONSIBLE FOR PATROL GEAR.
- RESPONSIBLE FOR TROOP MEETING PLANNING.
- CAN HAVE SEPARATE PATROL OUTINGS
  - a. AMUSEMENTS PARKS.
  - b. CAMPOUTS.
- RESPONSIBLE FOR DISCIPLINE IN HIS PATROL.
- CONDUIT OF INFORMATION TO THE SCOUTS.
- SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE TROOP.

# TROOP LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

1. VOTING MEMBERS ARE:
  - SENIOR PATROL LEADER
  - PATROL LEADERS
2. ATTENDED ALSO BY:
  - SCOUTMASTER OR DESIGNEE.
  - ASSISTANT SENIOR PATROL LEADERS.
3. DUTIES CONSIST OF:
  - PLANNING OF ALL TROOP OUTINGS
    - a. OCTOBER THROUGH SEPTEMBER.
    - b. PLANNED IN JUNE WITH SCOUTMASTER.
    - c. SCOUTMASTER PRESENTS TO COMMITTEE IN JULY.
4. THE PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THAT CALENDAR. THE ADULTS MAKE THE RESERVATIONS AND ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION AND ENSURE SUPERVISION. IT IS NOT THEIR JOB TO SELL IT TO THE SCOUTS, GET THE ATTENDANCE ON THE CAMPOUTS OR PLAN THE MEALS. THAT IS YOUR JOB!
5. PLANNING OF TROOP MEETINGS.
  - PLANNED IN ADVANCE!!!
  - EVERY TROOP MEETING SHOULD NOT BE ABOUT:
    - a. KNOT TYING
    - b. FIRST AID
    - c. MERIT BADGES
    - d. ADVANCEMENT
  - TROOP MEETING ARE SUPPOSED TO BE INTERESTING AND VARIED IN TOPIC.
    - a. GUEST SPEAKERS
    - b. FIELD TRIPS – TOURS
      - i. REQUIRE TOUR PERMIT.

## 6. ENFORCE TROOP DISCIPLINE

- HAVE EXPECTATIONS AND MAINTAIN THEM AT ALL SCOUT FUNCTIONS.
- IF THERE IS MORE SERIOUS DISCIPLINE PROBLEM, THE T.L.C. WILL DISCUSS IT AND VOTE AS HOW TO DEAL WITH THIS PERSON.
  - a. WARNINGS ARE COMMON.
  - b. SUSPENSION. BANNED FROM THE TROOP FOR A PERIOD OF TIME.
  - c. PROBATION. YOU'RE BEING WATCHED. SIMILAR TO WARNING.
  - d. KANGAROO COURT.
    - i. IN A SEVERE SITUATION, WHERE A SCOUT IS BECOMING A HINDRANCE TO THE TROOP PROGRAM, THE T.L.C. CAN DECIDE TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMITTEE REMOVE SOMEONE FROM THE TROOP PERMANENTLY. THIS HAS ONLY BEEN DONE A FEW TIMES IN THE LAST 34 YEARS. THIS IS VERY SERIOUS!
    - ii. BY THE TIME YOU GET TO THIS POINT, THIS SCOUT HAS BEEN WARNED REPEATEDLY. THE T.L.C. WILL SIMPLY DECIDE THE FATE OF THIS SCOUT BY A MAJORITY VOTE.
    - iii. THE SCOUTMASTER THEN PRESENTS THIS TO THE TROOP COMMITTEE WHERE THEY WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION.

## 7. ADVANCEMENT BOARD OF REVIEWS

- 3 - T.L.C. MEMBERS REVIEW:
  - a. TENDERFOOT
  - b. 2<sup>ND</sup> CLASS
  - c. 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS