

# Boy Scout Troop Positions

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## Ranks requiring a **Positions of Responsibility**

### Star

While a First Class Scout, serve actively 4 months in one or more of the following positions of responsibility:

- Patrol Leader
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
- Senior Patrol Leader
- Troop Guide
- Order Of The Arrow Troop Representative
- Den Chief
- Scribe
- Librarian
- Historian
- Quartermaster
- Bugler
- Junior Assistant Scoutmaster
- Chaplain Aide
- Instructor
- Webmaster
- Outdoor Ethics Guide/Leave No Trace Trainer

### Life

While a Star Scout, serve actively 6 months in one or more of the positions of responsibility

- Patrol Leader
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
- Senior Patrol Leader
- Troop Guide
- Order Of The Arrow Troop Representative
- Den Chief
- Scribe
- Librarian
- Historian
- Quartermaster
- Bugler
- Junior Assistant Scoutmaster
- Chaplain Aide
- Instructor
- Webmaster
- Outdoor Ethics Guide/Leave No Trace Trainer

### Eagle Scout

While a Life Scout, serve actively for a period of 6 months in one or more of the following positions of responsibility

- Patrol Leader
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
- Senior Patrol Leader
- Troop Guide
- Order Of The Arrow Troop Representative
- Den Chief
- Scribe
- Librarian
- Historian
- Quartermaster
- Junior Assistant Scoutmaster
- Chaplain Aide
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## Patrol Leader's Council

### Senior Patrol Leader

The senior patrol leader (SPL) is elected by the Scouts to represent them as the top youth leader in the troop. He runs all troop meetings, events, activities, the annual program planning conference, and the patrol leaders' council meeting. He appoints other troop youth leaders with the advice and counsel of the Scoutmaster.

*Troop 164 prefers this position to be held by a scout with rank of First Class Scout or above.*

### Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

The assistant senior patrol leader (ASPL) is the second highest-ranking youth leader in the troop. He is appointed by the senior patrol leader with the approval of the Scoutmaster. The assistant senior patrol leader acts as the senior patrol leader in the absence of the senior patrol leader or when called upon. He also provides leadership to other youth leaders in the troop.

*Troop 164 prefers this position to be held by a scout with rank of First Class Scout or above.*

### Patrol Leader

The patrol leader is the elected leader of his patrol. He represents his patrol on the patrol leaders' council and appoints the assistant patrol leader.

### Troop Guide

The troop guide works with new Scouts. He helps them feel comfortable and earn their First Class in their first year. He teaches basic Scout skills and works with the patrol leader at patrol leaders' council meetings. Serving as Guide can apply towards Positions of Responsibility requirements for Eagle in a Boy Scout Troop.

*Troop 164 prefers this position to be held by a scout with rank of First Class Scout or above.*

## Other troop leadership positions

These positions are invited to the Patrol Leader Council Meetings on an invite basis.

### Assistant Patrol Leader

The assistant patrol leader is appointed by the patrol leader and leads the patrol in his absence. He represents his patrol at patrol leaders' council meetings when the patrol leader cannot attend. The assistant patrol leader position does not count towards leadership requirements for Star, Life, or Eagle.

### **Quartermaster**

The quartermaster keeps track of troop equipment and sees that it is in good working order. He keeps records on patrol and troop equipment, makes sure equipment is in good working condition, and issues equipment and makes sure it is returned in good condition. (Appointed by the SPL) Serving as Quartermaster can apply towards Positions of Responsibility requirements for Eagle in a Boy Scout Troop.

### **Scribe**

The scribe keeps the troop records. He records the activities of the patrol leaders' council and keeps a record of dues, advancement, and Scout attendance at troop meetings. (Appointed by the SPL)

### **Historian**

The historian preserves troop photographs, news stories, trophies, flags, scrapbooks, awards, and other memorabilia. (Appointed by the SPL) Serving as Historian can apply towards Positions of Responsibility requirements for Eagle in a Boy Scout Troop.

### **Librarian**

The librarian oversees the care and use of troop books, pamphlets, magazines, audiovisuals, and merit badge counselor lists. (Appointed by the SPL)

### **Instructor**

Each instructor is an older troop member proficient in a Scouting skill. He must also have the ability to teach that skill to others. An instructor typically teaches subjects that Scouts are eager to learn—especially those such as first aid, camping, and backpacking—that are required for outdoor activities and rank advancement. A troop can have more than one instructor.

### **Chaplain Aide**

The chaplain aide works with the troop chaplain to meet the religious needs of Scouts in the troop. He also works to promote the religious emblems program. (Appointed by the SPL)

### **Den Chief**

The den chief works with the Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, and den leaders in the Cub Scout pack. Helps Cub Scouts advance through Cub Scout ranks and encourages Cub Scouts to join a Boy Scout troop upon graduation. Serving as Den Chief can apply towards Positions of Responsibility requirements for Eagle in a Boy Scout Troop.

### **Junior Assistant Scoutmaster**

The junior assistant Scoutmaster (JASM) serves in the capacity of an Assistant Scoutmaster except where legal age and maturity are required. He must be at least 16 years old and not yet 18. He is appointed by the Scoutmaster because of his leadership ability.

### **Order of the Arrow Representative**

The Order of the Arrow Representative is a youth liaison serving between the local Order of the Arrow (OA) lodge or chapter and his troop. In his unit, he helps meet the needs of the unit and will serve as a communication and programmatic link to and from Arrowmen, adult leaders and Scouts who are not presently members of the Order. (Appointed by the SPL)

### **Webmaster**

The troop webmaster is responsible for maintaining the troop's website. He should make sure that information posted on the website is correct and up to date and that members' and leaders' privacy is protected. A member of the troop committee may assist him with his work.

### **Outdoor Ethics Guide/Leave No Trace Trainer**

The Leave No Trace Trainer specializes in teaching Leave No Trace principles and ensuring that the troop follows these principles on outings. He can also help Scouts earn the Leave No Trace award. He should have a thorough understanding of and commitment to Leave No Trace. Ideally, he should have completed Leave No Trace training and earned the Camping and Environmental Science merit badges.

### **Bugler**

The Bugler should be able to make appropriate bugle calls, as requested, at troop activities. (Appointed by the SPL) Serving as Bugler can apply towards Positions of Responsibility requirements for Star and Life but not Eagle.

### **Musician**

Boy Scouts who are members of bands, drill teams, or drum and bugle corps affiliated with a unit or a local council may also wear the musician badge special insignia.