

Role of Patrol Assistant Scoutmasters

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Every Troop 55 patrol has a group of Patrol Assistant Scoutmasters (PASM's) assigned with principal responsibility to work with that patrol. Typically, there is a "lead" experienced PASM, with other PASM's working as a team. The role of the PASM's is described below.

General: Toward Scouts

1. Supervise Patrol Leader elections, and encourage a democratic election of a Patrol Leader.
2. Advise and hold accountable Patrol Leader.
 - A. Help him to remember to attend all Greenbar meetings. If he cannot attend, help him assure that the Assistant Patrol Leader or another patrol Scout attends.
 - B. Help him to establish a telephone tree for contacting all Scouts in the patrol.
3. Assist Patrol Leader in holding accountable other Scouts in patrol, including advising him on his appointments of Assistant Patrol Leaders, etc.
4. For patrols of inexperienced Scouts, make use of Troop Guides to advise the Patrol Leader, and advise the Scoutmaster regarding the Troop Guide's performance in this important leadership position.
5. Assist Patrol in preparing meaningful and interesting

programs for the Troop whenever the Patrol is assigned to be the program patrol.

6. Assist Patrol in completing duties whenever it is assigned to be the service patrol. Remember
 - A. cleanup of Scout room after meetings
 - B. assuring all Scouts have rides home from the meeting. Get a parent of a patrol Scout to assist with this duty.
7. Assist the patrol in organizing to conduct flag ceremonies and meeting openings.
8. Establish a fixed location for the patrol to hold its patrol meetings during Troop meetings.
9. Scoutmaster Conferences:
 - A. *Scout through First Class Ranks:* Under the direction of the "lead" PASM, a patrol's PASM's conduct all Scoutmaster Conferences for Scouts in your patrol seeking advancement up through rank of First Class. Use the Scoutmaster Conference to motivate Scouts for advancement, praise and critique their performance, hold them accountable for showing patrol participation and Scout Spirit, and assure satisfaction of rank advancement requirements, including regular troop and patrol activities, and active participation requirements.
 - B. *Star through Eagle Ranks:* Conduct a "pre-conference" with Scouts in your patrol seeking advancement to Star through Eagle ranks. Review with them the requirements for advancement,

particularly fulfillment of their leadership position, Scout Spirit, and compliance with and knowledge of the Scout Law and Scout Oath. Then send them for their Scoutmaster Conference to the Scoutmaster or his designee.

10. Assist Patrol Leader in maintaining sufficient order during patrol and troop meetings.
11. Sit with the patrol during meetings, and encourage other ASM's assigned to patrol to do likewise.
12. Encourage patrol activities independent of the Troop, to build patrol spirit (e.g. a movie, game, or other activity).
13. Using advanced Scouts and Troop Guides, teach First Class Advancement to Scouts not yet First Class.
14. Teach the Troop Camping Rules to patrol members, and encourage compliance with those rules.
15. Discuss advancement, medical, and any disciplinary issues privately with parents of patrol Scouts, the Troop's Health and Safety Officer, and/or the Scoutmaster.

General: Toward Other Adults in the Troop

16. Assist in selection of other Assistant Scoutmasters to work with your Patrol. Help train these adults to take over your job by next year! Encourage other adults to enroll in Boy Scout Adult Leader Training.

17. Inform the Scoutmaster of problems and successes of the patrol and its leadership.
18. Preserve the authority of Scouts in the patrol, especially the Patrol Leader, against the intrusions of adults not assigned to the patrol. Direct parents of Scouts in the patrol toward instructing Scouts that are not in the patrol.
19. Recruit parents of Patrol members to assist in organizing “fun” patrol activities away from the Troop, aid you with record keeping, and to act as hall monitors at the Church and assuring that all Troop Scouts have gotten rides home when your patrol is the service patrol.
20. Attempt to maintain some uniformity of approach with other PASM’s.

Campouts

21. Personally attend as many campouts as possible.
22. Maintain two deep leadership.
23. Assure that an ASM assigned to the patrol attends every campout, and is present each night of the campout. If no ASM assigned to the patrol is available, recruit another ASM not committed to another patrol for that campout.
24. Require Patrol Leader to complete Duty Roster in advance of all campouts, and provide you with a copy, with definite assignments of all patrol members attending.

25. Require Patrol Leader to post Duty Roster at the campout, and assist him in assuring its implementation.
26. Assure that an adult assigned to the patrol eats with the patrol on campouts.
27. Assist in getting patrol members to camp and tent together.
28. Encourage proper cooking and cleaning methods.
29. Using advanced Scouts and Troop Guides, teach safe and efficient patrol campsite setup.