

# Assistant Scoutmaster / Patrol Advisor

The Assistant Scoutmaster / Patrol Advisor is recruited by the Scoutmaster and must be at least 18 years old, but needs to be 21 years old to take the place of the Scoutmaster on events, activities and campouts. Previous Scout experience is an asset but not a requirement.

The Patrol Advisor is an Assistant Scoutmaster that also provides adult advice, mentoring and assistance to the assigned Patrol.

## **Responsibility to the Troop**

- Performs tasks and duties assigned by the Scoutmaster
- Encourages Scouts to participate in all aspects of the Troop and Boy Scout programs
- Endorses the Patrol method of Troop organization for meetings, activities and campouts
- Provides for minimum two deep leadership in accordance with BSA policy for all meetings, activities, adventures and campouts
- Ensures that all meetings between Scouts and Adults comply with BSA policies - no Scout should be alone with any Adult (except a parent or guardian). Scoutmaster conferences should be a private discussion between the Scoutmaster and the Scout, but it should be held in full view of other people
- Sets a good example, wears the Scout uniform correctly, participates in Troop activities
- Lives by the Scout Oath and Law and shows Scout spirit

## **Responsibilities to the Patrol**

- Provides adult advice, mentoring and assistance
- Serves as a resource for the Patrol
- Recruits others to assist and involve the resources of the Scout families
- Provides adult leadership on Patrol activities and campouts (assumes the role of Scoutmaster if the Scoutmaster is not on the Patrol activity or campout)
- Ensures minimum two deep adult leadership is provided in accordance with BSA policy for all Patrol meetings, activities, and campouts
- Works with the Patrol Leader to assist him in running the Patrol and dealing with any problems
- Is trained as an adult leader (Basic Training, Boy Scouts - minimum, Wood Badge preferred)