



## **Patrol Leader Training**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The following information should be of use to all Patrol Leaders (PL's) as it looks at the job of the Patrol Leader and also suggests ways by which the PL can lead by example.

It also includes a section on Jobs in the Patrol with a list of jobs for scouts to and includes a simple "Court of Honour Code" for the operation of the Court of Honour (or PL's Council)

### **SECTION 1**

#### **The Patrol Leaders Job**

Bond together the members of the Patrol as a group of friends

Discover the talents and experience of your Patrol and be able to use these talents to create an effective Patrol

Develop within the Patrol a spirit of Scouting and the ideal of 'one for all and all for one'

Be enthusiastic and encouraging so as to move your Patrol forward at all times. Seek the best and work for the best from each member of the Patrol.

Be welcoming to new recruits and help and encourage them in their Scouting advancement. Introduce them to the members of the Patrol and the Troop and ensure that they become full members of the Patrol as quickly as possible.

Show example and responsibility - Maintain your own self-advancement by seeking merit badges and awards. Always have full and correct uniform and correct equipment. As a Patrol Leader the members of your Patrol will look to you for guidance and direction. The Scout Law and Promise is your guide. At all times use your common sense - there is a time for messing and there is also a time for seriousness, know when the time is right for each.

Talk and listen to the members of your Patrol. What are they saying to you, what do they want to do, what

are your plans. Only when you know their dreams and expectations can you represent their views at Court of Honour meetings.

Delegate the workload - give each member of the Patrol a job to do. An effective Patrol is a busy Patrol and many jobs need to be done, someone to look after the gear, someone to write up the log, another to look after the money. As the Patrol Leader your job is to co-ordinate and lead, not do everything.

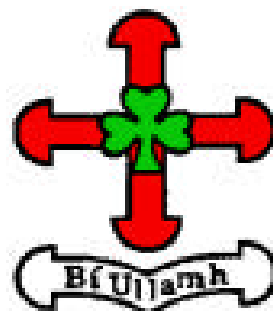
Represent your Patrol - in particular at Court of Honour Meetings but also at many other occasions that will arise.

#### **Good Example By:**

- Being Punctual
- Wearing full & correct uniform
- Being enthusiastic about all activities
- Being fair to all members of the Patrol
- Refraining from bad Language
- Being respectful to adult Leaders

#### **Show Responsible Leadership By:**

- Encouraging members of Patrol to develop
- Notice all good efforts by Patrol Members
- Give plenty of encouragement
- Build Patrol Spirit
- Understand what Scout Law demands of him





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### **SECTION 2**

#### **Jobs in the Patrol**

Give each member of your Patrol a job. Some of the jobs that need doing are:

- Patrol Leader
- Assistant Patrol Leader
- Patrol Treasurer
- Patrol Quartermaster
- Patrol Scribe/Secretary
- Patrol First-Aider
- Patrol Corner Upkeep
- Patrol Librarian/Researcher

Each of the jobs in the Patrol have a certain level of responsibility therefore each of the jobs are suited to particular levels of experience.

It would be unfair to land a new recruit with the job of quartermaster whereas the Patrol corner upkeep would be a better starting point.

The jobs of the Patrol should change, perhaps yearly, so that the members of your Patrol have an opportunity to learn from each position.

It is normally a wise decision to keep yourself and your assistant Patrol Leader free from the regular jobs of the Patrol so that you can keep an overview of the situation prevailing in the Patrol.

Other work will have to be done which will keep you and your assistant busy for example training in new recruits or planning Patrol meetings and activities such as hikes, camps and menus.

### **SECTION 3**

#### **Court of Honour Code**

Each member of the Court of Honour (PL's Council) should:

- Set a good example by living the Scout Law & Promise
- Uphold the Honour and Tradition of the troop
- Consider the wishes of the Patrol before themselves
- Be fair in making judgments
- Abide cheerfully by the decision of the majority
- Assist the Scout Leader in the operation of the Troop
- Respect the Secrecy of the Court of Honour discussions

