

PLC Training Meeting

BSA Troop 375



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Welcome

- **Congratulations!**
- **You've been elected by your troop/patrol to lead them for the next 6 months**
- **You're in charge! Troop 375 is a boy-run troop.**

A blue silhouette of various outdoor activities including a person ziplining, a person in a kayak, a person stand-up paddleboarding, a person mountain biking, and a person walking with a backpack.

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General responsibilities for leaders

- Set an example for other scouts
- Attend meetings and activities
- Wear full uniform
- Show Scout Spirit
- Try to include all scouts

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Orientation Videos

- **Orientation Video: Senior Patrol Leader**
<https://youtu.be/gLX0zH21DH4>
- **Orientation Video: Assistant Senior Patrol Leader**
<https://youtu.be/JzRpEELR-yk>
- **Orientation Video: Patrol Leader**
https://youtu.be/QeSCzyeQ_0s



Senior Patrol Leader



- **Runs all troop meetings, events, and activities**
- **Runs Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC) meetings**
- **Appoints other troop junior leaders**
 - *(with the advice from the Scoutmaster and help from ASPL)*
- **Assigns duties and responsibilities to junior leaders**
 - Delegate tasks!
- **Assists the Scoutmaster with junior leader training**
- **Communicates important information to the troop via the Patrol Leaders**
 - Take notes!



Orientation Video and Resources - <https://troopleader.scouting.org/senior-patrol-leader/>

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Assistant Senior Patrol Leader



- **Helps the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) lead meetings and activities**
- **Runs the troop in the absence of the SPL**
- **Serves as a member of the Patrol Leaders' Council**
- **Helps train and supervise the troop junior leaders:**
 - Scribe, Quartermaster, Instructor, Librarian, Historian, Webmaster, Chaplain Aide, and OA Representative



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Patrol Leader



- **Plans and leads patrol meetings and activities**
- **Serve as a member of the Patrol Leaders' Council**
- **Keeps patrol members informed**
 - Keep a list of your patrol members, including contact info
 - Share information from PLC meetings
- **Know the abilities of each patrol member**
- **Assign duties to each patrol member**
 - Divide the work evenly and rotate responsibilities
- **Works with other leaders to make the troop run well**





Assistant Patrol Leader



- **Helps the Patrol Leader plan and steer patrol meetings and activities**
- **Leads the patrol in the absence of the Patrol Leader**
- **Represents the patrol at the Patrol Leaders' Council if the Patrol Leader is unable to attend**
- **Helps the Patrol Leader keep the patrol informed**
 - Keep a list of your patrol members, including contact info
 - Share information from PLC meetings
- **Helps the patrol leader to make the patrol run well**



Learn Proper Flag Ceremony

- **How to display and carry the American flag**
 - American flag should be on the right or in front of other flags when marching
 - When displayed, the flag should be on stage right (the audience's left)
 - If there is a group of flags, it should be in the center and higher or in front of the other flags
 - The flag should only be displayed from sunrise to sunset, unless the flag pole is lighted
 - The flag is raised quickly and lowered slowly
- **Now get up and go do it!**

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Troop Meeting Info

- **Video: Putting Skills Into Action**

https://youtu.be/v_rGCoRW7C4

- **Resources for planning meetings**

<https://troopleader.scouting.org/basic-resources/>

<https://troopleader.scouting.org/program-feature-meeting-plans/>

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SPL/ASPL Roles During Meetings

- Be early to meetings and help organize scouts as they arrive to prepare for the meeting or join an activity/game to keep them occupied
- Lead opening/closing ceremonies
- Review upcoming events and make announcements
- Organize troop for skills instruction
- Plan and organize a game (ideally related to skills instruction)



Patrol Meeting

- **Watch video: Breakout Groups** <https://youtu.be/eymLb-z1-ng>
- **Report on what happened at PLC meeting**
- **Talk about upcoming events (who's going, meal ideas, special patrol activities)**
- **Ask each scout about advancement**
 - What have they accomplished toward rank or merit badges?
 - What are they planning to work on next?
 - Do they have anything that needs to be signed off?
- **Plan future scout meetings/ideas/activities**
- **Patrol Spirit: patrol flag, patrol yell, song, campsite idea, funny hat (Think about sports team slogans – Who Dey? Da Bears)**
- **Talk about ideas for future activities (Take notes for PLC!)**



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<https://troopleader.scouting.org/patrol-meeting/>

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Tasks to Complete Tonight

- **SPL and ASPL:** Review the list of current leadership positions. Learn what they do. Come up with recommendations for someone to fill the open positions (possibly reassign from another position).
- **PL and APL:** Each patrol come up with an idea for a troop meeting activity, game, and ways to show scout spirit as a patrol.
 - Resource: <https://troopleader.scouting.org/program-feature-meeting-plans/>



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