

THE ROLE OF A
PATROL ADVISOR

A Patrol Advisor is a registered Assistant Scoutmaster whose *primary* focus and responsibility is to a specific patrol rather than the Troop. The Patrol Advisor is required to complete Scout Leader Essentials, Scoutmaster Specifics and the Outdoor Leader Skills Training course thereby earning the “Trained” strip. The Patrol Advisor is strongly encouraged to complete Okpik and Wood Badge Training. The primary duty of a Patrol Advisor is to provide and ensure a safe, productive and fun environment for the scouts in the Patrol Advisor’s patrol through the furtherance of the “Aims and Goals” of Boy Scouting by implementing these “Aims and Goals” in the patrol’s program.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- ∅ Set a good example
- ∅ Wear the scout uniform correctly
- ∅ Live by the Scout Oath and Law
- ∅ Show and help develop Scout Spirit
- ∅ Support the youth leaders of the patrol
- ∅ Accomplish other duties as assigned by the Scoutmaster
- ∅ Work with other leaders to help the Troop and Patrol run well
- ∅ Provide service and leadership to the Troop and the Patrol

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- ∅ **Put the needs of the patrol and the scouts first**
- ∅ **Ensure a safe environment for the patrol and scouts through direct supervision**
- ∅ Aid the Patrol in developing a sense of Patrol unity and purpose
- ∅ Encourage the Patrol to earn the “Honor Patrol” award
- ∅ Directly support the junior leaders in the patrol in their efforts to exercise their leadership role
- ∅ Assist junior leaders in maintaining order during Troop and Patrol activities
 - Keeping scouts focused and on task
 - Encourage scout participation in Patrol activities
 - Maintain a noticeable presence during all Patrol activities
- ∅ Encourage Patrol participation in Troop activities
- ∅ Encourage and support Patrol activities outside of Troop activities
- ∅ Attend as many Troop and Patrol events as possible
- ∅ Supervise the Patrol from “a distance” but be readily available when needed for advice and guidance
- ∅ Directly oversee Patrol functions on campouts and during Patrol meetings
- ∅ Work closely with other Assistant Scoutmasters to develop other Patrol Advisors