

Leadership in Scouting

SCOUTING BUILDS CHARACTER

Scouting is much more than just a wholesome and enjoyable activity. Active Scouts develop initiative, leadership skills, self-reliance and self-confidence. Scouting helps boys become good citizens of strong character, who will be leaders and achievers in the adult world.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES ARE THE KEY

Troop 7 is a "boy-run" Troop. Boy Leaders plan and execute their own program, with parent participation and support. New Scouts begin with small jobs under the guidance of older and more experienced Scouts. As the skills of the young Scout grow, new responsibilities are given to them.

CREATING POSITIVE LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND EXPERIENCES

Troop Leadership Council - Consists of Scouts elected to Troop and Patrol leadership positions and Scouts appointed by the Scoutmaster to special leadership positions. Planning for all Monday night activities and all Troop and Patrol outings takes place in the TLC. Boy leaders have the opportunity to sharpen their leadership skills by planning activities for the Troop that are both fun and educational.

Patrol Advisors - Assigned to each Patrol. These adult leaders act as a resource to the boy leaders as they plan, prepare and carry out their plans. Patrol Advisors also play a role in helping instruct the boy leaders in leadership skills. One Patrol Advisor should be present at each TLC meeting so that they can be aware of the monthly responsibilities of their Patrol and oversee the leadership process necessary for fulfilling those responsibilities.

Parents - Play a vital role in successful leadership experiences. Parents are usually aware of how well their scout is advancing through the scouting ranks and are very supportive. However, another important aspect of parental involvement has to do with the scout's leadership role in the Troop. Parents should be aware of the responsibilities that are required for the leadership positions that their Scout holds and support their Scout as he works to fulfill those responsibilities.

COMMUNICATION

- **During TLC Meetings**
- **Between Senior Patrol Leader and His Patrol Leaders**
- **Between the Patrol Leader and the Members of His Patrol**
- **Between Patrol Leader and His Patrol Advisor**
- **Between Parents, Patrol Advisor and Scoutmaster**
- **Between Parents and their Scout**