

Troop Guide- Troop 420



GENERAL INFORMATION

Type: Appointed by the Scoutmaster

Term: 6 months

Reports to: ASM(s) leading Trail to First Class Program and/or Scoutmaster

Description: The Troop Guide works with new Scouts. He helps them feel comfortable and earn their First Class rank within 12 - 18 months of becoming a member of the Troop.

Comments: The first year as a Boy Scout is a critical time with new places, new people, new rules, and new activities. The Troop Guide is a friend to the new Scouts and makes first year fun and successful. This is an important position.

QUALIFICATIONS

Age: None

Rank: 1st Class or higher

Attendance: Must be an active member of the Troop, meaning has been attending most Troop Meetings and other outings.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Training: You must attend the troop Junior Leader Training even if you have attended in the past. Assist the SPL and Scoutmaster in training junior scout leaders as requested and needed.

Attendance: You are expected to attend

- 75% of all troop meetings (3 of 4 each month),
- 5 of 6 Patrol Leaders' Council meetings and
- At least ½ of all outings, events and service projects.
- If your attendance is low, or if you have three (3) unexcused absences in a row, you can be removed from office.

Effort: You are expected to give this job your best effort and to use your Scoutmaster and other adult leadership for advice and direction when needed.

GENERAL LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

Uniform: Set the example by always wearing your uniform correctly. This means that you will wear all of the parts of the troop uniform, shirttail tucked in, with all required badges in their correct locations.

Behavior: Set the example by living the Scout Oath and Law in your everyday life. Show Scout Spirit in everything you say and do.

Attendance: Set the example by being an active Scout. Be on time for meetings and activities. *You must call the Assistant Scoutmaster working with new scouts or the Scoutmaster if you are not going to be at a meeting or if you have an emergency and cannot attend a meeting, outing or activity you have committed to. You should have someone ready to assume your responsibilities anytime you are absent. You are to plan ahead and **"Be Prepared"** for any duties assigned to you by the ASM.

SPECIFIC LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

Assists the ASM with the Trail to First Class Program.

With the ASM, establishes goals and tasks of Trail to First Class program.

Introduces new Scouts to troop operations and rank requirements.

Demonstrates/teaches skills required for rank advancement.

Tests new scouts for rank requirements.

Signs off on rank requirements.

Guides new Scouts through early Scouting activities, especially camping preparation and Trail to First Class activities while on campouts.

Represents new scouts at PLC meetings.

Encourages 100% uniforming of new scouts.

Counsils individual Scouts on Scouting challenges.

Sets a good example for the other Scouts.

- Be the first to reflect the scout sign
- Maintain a positive and enthusiastic attitude.
- Exhibit good self-discipline.
- Have an excellent attendance record.
- Meet your obligations on time and with full effort.
- Have fun but not at the expense of everyone (Goofing off without purpose wastes time and loses the interest and respect of the other scouts).

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Senior Patrol Leader

Other Junior Leaders

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Assistant Scoutmaster

Scoutmaster

Boy Scout Handbook, No. 33105

Junior Leader Handbook, No. 33500A

Fieldbook, No. 33104

Boy Scout Songbook, No. 33224

Boy Scout Requirements, No. 33215C

Worksheets from Scoutmaster's Junior Leader Training Kit, No. 34306

Boys' Life magazines

Troop and patrol rosters

Activity calendar (troop)

First Class—First Year Tracking Sheet, No. 34118A

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Troop 420 Leadership Contract with _____
(neatly printed name)

Scout's Agreement

I have read the job requirements for the position of **Troop Guide**. I understand the duties and responsibilities of this position, and I agree to carry them out to the best of my ability. I agree to lead by example, and I make these commitments to my fellow Scouts, the adult leaders, and myself. In addition, I will help other scouts whenever possible; be especially supportive of younger and less experienced scouts and will do my best to have fun while helping the scouts of Troop 420.

If I find that I am unable to meet this commitment, I will promptly ask to be removed from this position. I understand that I will receive FULL leadership credit if I follow the above stated commitments. I may not receive credit if the above commitments are not met.

I will do my best to uphold the duties of this position from _____ (start date) to _____ (estimated end date).

(Signature)

(date)

Approval

(Scoutmaster's Signature)

(date)

This scout has served in this leadership position through (Actual End Date): _____ (Scoutmaster's Initials) _____

Comments: