

Chaplain Aide- Troop 420



GENERAL INFORMATION

Type: Appointed

Term: 6 months

Reports to: Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Description: The responsibilities of the Chaplain Aide include encouraging the spiritual growth and awareness of each member of the troop.

Comments: "Duty to God" is one of the core beliefs of Scouting. The Chaplain Aide helps everyone in the troop by preparing short religious observations for campouts and other functions and promotes the religious emblems program. The Chaplain Aide must be mature and sensitive and have earned the respect and trust of his fellow Scouts.

QUALIFICATIONS

Age: None

Rank: None

Experience: None

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.

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 the ASPL 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 Senior Patrol Leader 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 an alternate 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 ASPL.

SPECIFIC LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

Provides closing prayers at meetings/events.

Leads grace at mealtimes on camping trips and at Courts of Honor.

Leads an interfaith religious service on Sundays during trips (approx. 15 mins).

Encourages troop members to strengthen their own relationships with God through personal prayer and devotion and participation in religious activities appropriate to their faith.

Presents an overview of the religious emblems program at troop meetings and at **least once** via a newsletter article.

Attends Patrol Leader's Council meetings and informs Troop leaders of religious holidays (for all faiths of active Scouts in the Troop) when planning activities and events.

Meets **monthly** with the ASPL (and Scoutmaster if requested) to evaluate the program, your responsibilities and the performance of your duties.

Helps the Troop Chaplain plan and conduct an annual Scout-oriented religious observance, preferably during Scout Week in February.

Helps the Troop Chaplain recognize troop members who receive their religious emblems during a troop court of honor (note: most religious emblems are conferred during a service at the Scout's place of worship, but the achievement should also be recognized at a significant troop event).

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.

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- 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

Chaplain
Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
Other Junior Leaders
Assistant Scoutmaster
Scoutmaster
Boy Scout Handbook, No. 33105
Junior Leader Handbook, No. 33500A
Fieldbook, No. 33104
Manual for Chaplain Aides and Chaplains
Worksheets from Scoutmaster's Junior Leader Training Kit, No. 34306
Boys' Life magazines
Troop and patrol rosters
Activity calendar (troop)
Campfire Program Planner sheet, No. 33696
BSA Supply catalog

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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 **Chaplain Aide**. 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: