

Troop 197 Scout Leadership Commitment Agreement

The time-tested philosophy of Troop 197 and the Boy Scouts of America is for the troop to be led by its scouts. Although the troop's adult leadership facilitates the troop's programs, provides support and direction, and ensures advancement of the scouts, the young men in Troop 197 are its leadership. Therefore, when scouts are elected to leadership positions, it is important that they show commitment and dedication in carrying out the responsibilities to which they have been elected.

Troop 197's Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leaders are elected twice a year. As such, each leadership position is held for approximately six-month terms. Upon the election of a new Senior Patrol Leader (SPL), the newly elected SPL meets with Troop 197's Scoutmaster to discuss other troop leadership positions (i.e., Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL), Quartermaster, Scribe, Instructors, etc.). The new Senior Patrol Leader appoints all troop leadership positions that are not patrol-specific. Upon the election of the new Assistant Patrol Leaders, each New Patrol Leader will appoint his Quartermaster. While in a leadership position, scouts have the opportunity to experience and learn leadership skills in a controlled environment. One thing they will quickly learn is that they must be responsible individuals in order to be effective leaders. Although the troop's adult leadership will assist scouts in their leadership roles, parents will play a large role in this support as well by seeing that their scout regularly attends troop meetings and troop activities.

By signing this agreement, the scout and their parent are acknowledging the general expectations of the troop with regard to the scout's commitment to a leadership position. **Scouts considering nomination for Senior Patrol Leader must sign this agreement prior to troop elections.** Scouts newly elected or appointed to other troop leadership positions must sign this agreement within one week of their election or appointment. (See back of this page for leadership responsibilities and then sign.)

Commitment of All Troop Leaders:

- I will perform my leadership duties in a manner consistent with the Scout Law and Scout Oath.
- I will attend most troop activities and outings.
- I will not abuse my leadership position.
- I will proudly wear the Scout uniform correctly.
- I will attend the Patrol Leaders' Council meeting once a month.
- I will lead by example.
- I will appropriately delegate tasks to other junior leaders when I cannot attend an campout, outing, meeting or event.
- I will assist in the training of other junior leaders.

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Senior Patrol Leader Commitment:

Patrol Leader Commitment:

- I will attend all troop meetings. (When circumstances require an absence, the SPL will notify the Scoutmaster and ASPL as soon as possible.)
- I will attend all troop activities and outings unless an absence is unavoidable.
- I will contact the Scoutmaster / Committee Chairman weekly for program planning in a timely manner. (SPL)
- I will chair the Patrol Leaders' Council meeting once a month. (SPL)
- I will lead by example.
- I will appropriately delegate tasks to other junior leaders.
- I will assist in the training of other junior leaders. • I will attend at least 75% of all troop meetings & 50% to 60% of All Campouts (When circumstances require an absence, the Senior Patrol Leader/ Patrol Leader will notify the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader/ Asst Patrol Leader as soon as possible.)
- I will attend monthly Patrol Leaders' Council meetings.
- I will work with other troop leaders to help the troop run well.
- I will appropriately delegate responsibility to other patrol members.

Signature of Troop 197 scout wishing to run as Senior Patrol Leader, elected as a patrol leader, or appointed to other troop leadership.

Scout Name / Date

Parent Name / Date