

HOW THE PATROL SYSTEM OPERATES

Within a Scout Troop, the Scouts are organized into groups of six (6) or eight (8) boys each called Patrol. The Patrol chooses a Patrol Name and identifies itself with a symbol. Usually, the names are taken from names of Birds, Animals, Trees, Heroes, etc. The chosen name is supposed to symbolizes the qualities, or the values of the Patrol. The members elect their Patrol Leader from among themselves and become their representative to the Troop Leaders Council.

Each member of the Patrol is assigned his own specific responsibility. These responsibilities are:

1. **Patrol Leader** – Leads his Patrol in the achievement of their assigned task as a prescribed in the Scout Oath and Law, Motto and Slogan as well as in all activities of the Troop and the Patrol.
2. **Assistant Patrol Leader** – Shares in the responsibilities of the Patrol Leader. Assumes leadership of the Patrol in the absence of the Patrol Leader.
3. **Patrol Scribe** – Keeps and maintains the Patrol Log Book, Keeps complete and accurate record of the agreements, the activities, and the achievements of the Patrol.
4. **Patrol Treasurer** – Keeps the Patrol Finances. Collects the weekly dues and contributions agreed upon by the Patrol. He turns this over to the Troop Scribe/Treasurer.
5. **Patrol Quartermaster** – Takes charge of the Patrol supplies and equipment and is responsible for transporting the same during Troop/Patrol outdoor activities.
6. **Patrol Grubmaster** – Prepares the menu and the meal budget of the Patrol. Does the marketing and the cooking for the Patrol. Maintains the cleanliness of the Patrol kitchen and the cooking utensils and equipment.
7. **Patrol Hike Leader** – Responsible for surveying the prospective camping areas of the Patrol. He is also responsible for preparing the Patrol camp layout during camping activities. Takes responsibility in guiding the Patrol when on hike.
8. **Patrol Cheer Leader** – Improvises on the songs, yells, and stunts of the Patrol. Teaches songs and yells to the Patrol from time to time to raise the morale of the group and personally leads the Patrol in these performances.

Patrol Features

Pride in the Patrol and its achievement is what makes the Patrol Spirit. It is what urges the Patrol onwards to more and greater achievement. It is what motivates all the Patrol members to keep on advancing, and achieving, and serving GOD, Country, and other people with excellence.

There are certain Patrol features in which the members take pride of. These features are:

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| 1. The Patrol Name | 5. The Patrol Yell | 9. The Patrol Corner |
| 2. The Patrol Flag | 6. The Patrol Call | |
| 3. The Patrol Totem | 7. The Patrol Signature | |
| 4. The Patrol Song | 8. The Patrol Medallion | |

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Let the members of the Patrol develop these features. Use these whenever the opportunity arises. Let the Patrol Leaders give unique reports during meetings and when attending formations and activities. Avoid the military way of reporting as 'Carabao Patrol, all present, Sir.' Rather, encourage them to report thus 'The handsome members of the Carabao Patrol are all present and ever ready to serve, Sir.' This type of reporting will surely raise everybody's adrenalin. Let them sing their Patrol Song and shout their Patrol Yell when they arrive at the assembly area during Troop formation or after they have accomplished an activity or project.

Many are the ways by which the Patrol features maybe used to develop the Patrol Spirit. Everything will depend on the Troop Leaders creativity and innovativeness.

The Troop Leaders Council

The Troop Leaders Council is an important element of the Patrol System. It is a Central Operating Committee which, under the Guidance of the Troop Leader, settles the affairs of the Troop, both administratively and disciplinary. It develops in the members self-respect, the ideals of democracy and freedom coupled with a sense of responsibility, and respect for authority, while at the same time it gives them the opportunity to practice procedures which are invaluable to the boys individually and collectively as future citizens.

The Members of the Troop Leaders Council are:

1. The Senior Patrol Leader who is also the Chairman and Presiding Officer.
2. The Troop Scribe and Treasurer
3. The Troop Quartermaster
4. All the Patrol Leaders
6. The Assistant Troop Leaders
7. The Troop Leader
8. The Troop Committee Chairman/ members
9. The Institutional Representative

The Assistant Patrol Leaders may also be invited to attend the meetings of the Troop Leaders Council. Their opinion may be solicited but they cannot vote. The Institutional Representative's presence is only as observer. The same holds true with the Troop Committee Chairman or any of his members. The Troop Leader's presence, as well as his Assistants, is as consultants and advisers. All have no voting power.