



## Leadership Responsibilities In The Patrol

All Patrol members should have a meaningful duty or job to contribute to the success of the Patrol. The following duties are examples of the jobs that you can assign as a Patrol Leader:

*Assistant Patrol Leader:* Leads the Patrol in the Patrol Leader's absence and assumes additional duties when asked. The APL can also share some of the many responsibilities of Patrol leadership with the Patrol Leader.

*Patrol Scribe:* The Patrol Scribe keeps the Patrol Logbook in which is recorded all the happenings of the Patrol. He also records the details of the Patrol meetings when the Patrol meets to make decisions. The Patrol Scribe communicates regularly with the Troop Scribe.

*Patrol Quartermaster:* This member of the Patrol will look after, and take charge of Patrol equipment, keeping it in good condition, and making sure it is ready for use and doesn't get lost. The Patrol QM works directly with the Troop QM.

*Patrol First Aider:* This duty goes to the member of the Patrol with the most interest and expertise in first aid. He will assemble, maintain, and carry a Patrol first aid kit to Troop activities and outings.

*Patrol Grubmaster:* The Grubmaster is responsible for planning and buying of food for camp outs, hikes and Patrol events. This should be rotated and an experienced Scout and parent should accompany a newer Scout when shopping.

*Patrol Chaplain Aide:* Leads prayers, grace before meals, and the religious activities in the Patrol. The Patrol Chaplain Aide works directly with the Troop Chaplain Aide.

With all these things to be jobs to be done, some patrol members may feel that they will need to take on more than one duty. As Patrol Leader, it is important to make sure that no member of the Patrol takes on more than one job until all members of the patrol have one duty to fulfill. It is a good idea to assign responsibilities to Patrol members who are capable; however, it is sometimes necessary to remind them of the responsibilities and necessities of their job, and coach them in learning and fulfilling their responsibilities. This will not only provide the experience that a Scout will need to become a more effective team member, but will also build their commitment to the Patrol.