

Adam D. Bell's notes for talk on patrol leader/assistant patrol leader - May '92

- Train a successor - otherwise you are indispensable and if you leave the patrol may die.
- **Patrol Meetings -**
 - Regular time
 - Inform scout's parents of time as well as the scouts.
 - Patrol meetings should complement the troop meetings. Use patrol meetings to reinforce skills learned at troop meetings.
 - Ask members what they want to do at the next meeting then try to incorporate it into your meeting.
 - Plan patrol meetings just like troop meetings are planned.
 - Have your APL lead some patrol meetings so that he can get the hang of it
 - If you have food at patrol meetings people are more likely to come.
 - If members of the patrol aren't present 15 minutes after the meeting starts call them and invite them.
 - Remind patrol members of each meeting.
 - If something needs to be taught, but you aren't an expert bring one in, maybe a senior leader.
- **Patrol Leader Council Meetings - BRING IDEAS**, maybe even plan an entire troop meeting and present your ideas. Ask your patrol members if there is anything they want the PLC to know, ask them *what they want* the program to be.
- **Advancement - YOU MUST ADVANCE IF YOU WANT YOUR PATROL TO.** It is your job to provide scouts with the opportunities to advance, however, they must do the work
- **Honor Patrol -** This can be a great way to get patrol members to do things, through spirited competition where the rules for doing well are known by all.
- **Patrol Flag -** If you don't have one, make one as a group. If you already have one, each member can make a name tag with his name position, etc. and put it on the flag.
- **Appointing positions within the patrol -** see what people want to do and align that with what they seem to be good at. You will have to train them in their jobs. Jobs should not be trivial. Boys should feel that they are helping the patrol be successful and are needed.
- **Duty Rosters -** Write fair duty rosters and post them at campouts. Always **make sure you have the toughest jobs!!!**
- **Attendance -** when one of you members is not present for a troop or patrol meeting, service project or campout, call and let him know that the patrol missed him. Fill him in on what went on so that he doesn't feel left out.

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