



JPL Troop 509 Leadership Position Description

HISTORIAN

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Position:** Appointed by the senior patrol leader
- Term:** 12 months
- Reports to:** Senior patrol leader
- Role:** The historian keeps a historical record of troop activities and prepares a slide show of the past year's troop activities to be shown at the troop's annual open house.
- Comments:** The work of the historian provides the troop a link with the past. The true value of a good historian does not show up until years later.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Age:** 12 or older
- Rank:** First Class rank or higher
- Experience:** None, but experience in preparing PowerPoint presentations is helpful

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Training:** You must attend the Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)
- Attendance:** You are expected to attend 50% of all troop meetings, 50% of all outings and 25% of all service projects. If your attendance is low, or if you have three unexcused absences in a row, you can be removed from office.
- Effort:** When you accept this position, you agree to provide service and leadership to the troop. You are expected to give this job your best effort.

GENERAL LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

- Uniform:** Set a good example by wearing your uniform correctly. Wear all of the parts of the troop uniform, shirt tucked in, with all required badges in their correct locations.
- Behavior:** Set a good example by living the scout oath and law in your everyday life. Show scout spirit in everything you say and do.
- Attendance:** Set a good example by being an active scout. Be on time for meetings and activities. You must contact the senior patrol leader if you are not going to be at a meeting or if you have to miss an outing. You also need to make sure that someone will assume your responsibilities when you are going to be absent.

SPECIFIC LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

- Set a GOOD EXAMPLE (the most powerful form of leadership)
- Keep a journal of troop activities. Include reports of each outing or activity and document with photographs and maps when possible.
- Prepare a slide show of the past year's activities for presentation at the troop's annual open house at which Webelos and other prospective scouts are invited to attend
- Gather as much history of the troop as possible, in whatever form is available. Talk to former members of the troop and record conversations on tape. Collect pictures and other artifacts when available.
- Take care of troop trophies, ribbons and other awards