

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE SPECIAL FEATURE

The Senior Patrol Leader (15 min.)

Learning Objectives	By the end of this session, the Scouter should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain the senior patrol leader/Scoutmaster relationship• Describe the senior patrol leader requirements and selection process
Materials Needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The Official Scoutmaster Handbook</i>, No. 6501• <i>Junior Leader Orientation Workshop</i>, No. 6520• <i>The Official Patrol Leader Handbook</i>, No. 6512• Flip chart and marking pens
Introductions	The instructor introduces himself and any faculty members assisting in the presentation.
Senior Patrol Leader/Scoutmaster Relationship	Open the session by having everyone review the statement at the top of page 50 in the <i>Scoutmaster Handbook</i> : "It can be your great satisfaction (as Scoutmaster) to train and develop your senior patrol leader;" etc.
Discussion	Why is that statement so important in good troop operation? Seek responses from the group.
Some Questions	Here are some questions every senior patrol leader should ask himself; and every Scoutmaster should help the senior patrol leader come to the right conclusion. Have them pre-listed on the flip chart: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How do you preside at troop meetings, events, and activities?2. How do you chair the patrol leaders' council?3. How do you, with the Scoutmaster, help appoint boy leaders?4. How do you "sell" the patrol leaders' council on "good" projects?5. What does the assistant senior patrol leader do?6. How do you get things done without being "bossy"?7. When does the assistant senior patrol leader take charge?8. How do you get the guys excited about doing something?9. How about your own personal advancement program? Star? Life? Eagle?10. How do you work with new Scouts in the troop?11. How do you work with older Scouts in the troop?12. How about your own personal growth in leadership? Training? Accomplishments?

Summary	Summarize the ideas of the group. Point out that the senior patrol leader is the Scoutmaster's way of reaching the boys in the troop.
Discussion	Allow additional discussion if time permits.
Adjourn	Thank the group for its participation. Adjourn for the next activity.