

# Position Summary

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## Scoutmaster

### **Purpose of Boy Scouting –**

Instill the values of the Scout Oath and Law in young people and prepare them to make ethical and moral choices during their lifetime. The aims of Scouting are to develop in youth (1) a strong ethical character, (2) an active, participating citizenship, including leadership ability, and (3) personal fitness: physical, mental, emotional and moral.

### **Guidelines of this position –**

- Register with the Boy Scouts of America as an adult leader
- Wear a full Boy Scout leader uniform with appropriate insignia
- Encourage other leaders and boys to wear uniform
- Get to know all Boy Scouts and their families and encourage involvement
- Be a shadow leader to the young men helping them develop their leadership capabilities
- Plan a program with balanced activities and a strong advancement focus
- Include regular outdoor activities and overnight camps, plus weeklong summer camp
- Plan activities with a purpose
- Participate in District and Council activities to add depth and variety to the program
- Follow BSA safety guidelines and file appropriate tour permits as required
- Maintain standards of the BSA & ensure two-deep leadership at all activities
- Integrate religion award requirements into troop efforts
- Keep it simple, make it fun!!

### **Meetings to hold –**

- Meet regularly with boy leaders to prepare them to lead
- Weekly troop planning meeting (adult & boy leaders)
- Effective troop meetings (2 to 3 times per month)
- Court of Honor as needed (at least quarterly)

### **Meetings to attend –**

- Monthly Key Scout Leaders meeting
- Regular Troop Committee meeting
- Monthly District Roundtable

### **Training to receive –**

- Read Boy Scout leader handbooks and related printed materials
- Complete online Boy Scout Fast Start and Youth Protection Training ([www.gslc-bsa.org](http://www.gslc-bsa.org))
- Attend Boy Scout Basic Training and Outdoors Leadership Skills
- Participate in other training opportunities – University of Scouting, Wood Badge, etc

### **Expectations –**

- Attend leadership meetings or have an informed and prepared representative attend
- Regularly report on your position and share status on troop achievement and efforts
- Model excellence through your actions and use example to set the standard for others

