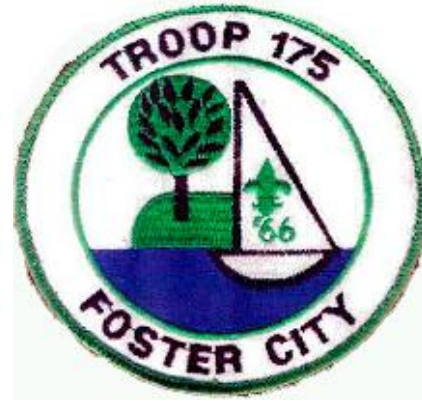

Troop 175

2004 – 2005 Leadership Overview

Boy Led Troop Policy

Like any other activity, a leadership role within Scouting requires an extraordinary commitment. A leadership role with Troop 175 demands time and sacrifice of the Scout. Although Scouting is open to any boy at least 10 years and six months of age, Troop 175 leadership positions should only be considered by those boys who:

- Demonstrate the proper example
- Are willing to give to the troop more than they receive
- Are willing to put troop activities on a higher priority than other comparable activities.



Leadership Positions

Elected positions:

- Senior Patrol Leader -- Elected by the troop
 - Each Scout running for the office of SPL must;
 - § be Star Scout,
 - § have a good troop and event attendance record,
 - § must commit to a good attendance record going forward,
 - § must have served as a patrol leader, or other troop leadership function
 - § must be 14 years of age,
 - § must have attended (or agree to attend) junior leader training.
- Patrol Leader -- Elected by individual patrols
 - Each Scout running for the office of patrol leader must;
 - § be at least Second Class Scout except in the New Scout Patrol,
 - § have a good troop and event attendance record,
 - § must commit to a good attendance record going forward.

Appointed positions:

- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader -- Appointed by the SPL and Scoutmaster
 - Each Scout wanting to be ASPL must;
 - § be Star Scout,
 - § have a good troop and event attendance record,
 - § must have served as a patrol leader, or other troop leadership function
 - § must be 14 years of age
 - § must have attended (or agree to attend) junior leader training.
- Junior assistant Scoutmaster -- Appointed by the Scoutmaster
- Scribe -- Appointed by the SPL and Scoutmaster
- Quartermaster -- Appointed by the SPL and Scoutmaster
- Librarian -- Appointed by the SPL and Scoutmaster
- Historian -- Appointed by the SPL and Scoutmaster
- Troop Instructor -- Appointed by the SPL and Scoutmaster
- Troop Guide -- Appointed by the SPL and Scoutmaster
- Den Chief -- Appointed by the SPL and Scoutmaster
- Assistant Patrol Leader -- Appointed by the Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster

All Leadership Scouts Must Maintain At Least A 75% Attendance Record

Troop Elections:

Troop elections are annually in September at a regular troop meeting. An attempt will be made to get 100 percent of the troop's membership in attendance during the night of the election. No election will be conducted if less than two thirds the general membership is present.

Senior Patrol Leader

Qualified scouts wanting to run for SPL will submit their name in writing to the Scoutmaster at least 3 days prior to the election. The Scoutmaster will present this Nominee List to the current SPL for the election.

Each nominee for SPL will give a 2-3 minute speech to the troop as to why they are qualified to be SPL. This speech should cover their previous leadership experience, participation within the troop, as well as what they will do going forward.

A general election of the entire troop will be conducted for senior patrol leader. The outgoing senior patrol leader will preside over the election and supervising the collection of ballots. Voting will be conducted by secret ballot. Election for senior patrol leader will be conducted first to allow candidates not elected to run for patrol leader. The scoutmaster and at least one assistant scoutmaster and the outgoing senior patrol leader or a junior assistant scoutmaster will count and verify the vote.

The candidate receiving a simple majority of the members present will be declared winner. If more than two boys are running for a position and no one receives 50 percent of the votes a re-vote will be taken between the two candidates getting the most votes until one candidate receives a majority of the votes.

Patrol Leader

Individual Patrols will elect their Patrol Leader. A patrol leader election will be held immediately following the election of the senior patrol leader and assistant senior patrol leader. Only patrol members will vote for their respective patrol leader. Votes will be by secret ballots. Ballots be will counted and verified by the outgoing patrol leader and a troop guide or assistant scoutmaster.

Other Leadership Positions

All other leadership positions will be recommended by the senior patrol leader and approved by the scoutmaster. All leadership positions are for twelve months.

Troop Leadership Council

The Troop Leadership Council (TLC) is responsible for planning and conducting the troop's activities. TLC meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30, just prior to the regular troop meeting.

The troop committee interacts with the TLC through the scoutmaster. The TLC comprises the following voting members:

- Senior patrol leader -- Leads the TLC
- Assistant senior patrol leader
- Patrol leaders -- One for each patrol
- Troop guide for new Scout patrol
- Scoutmaster and assistant scoutmasters
- Scribe –Take notes and update the troop calendar
- Historian
- Quartermaster
- Instructor
- Other Scouts in leadership who may be required by the senior patrol leader as approved by the scoutmaster.

The TLC meets to:

- Plan the annual calendar of events
- Plan monthly events
- Plans and organizes weekly meetings (instruction and game) and assigns responsibility for planned events in accordance with the monthly activity
- Completion of the weekly meeting plan for each weekly meeting.
- Discuss problems
- Make recommendations on improving troop operations

Job Descriptions

Senior Patrol Leader:

- Preside at all troop meetings, events and activities
- Organize troop meetings
- Chair the TLC
- Appoint boy leaders with the advice and consent of the Scoutmaster
- Assign duties and responsibilities to other junior leaders
- Oversee all junior leaders
- Responsible to Scoutmaster and troop members

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader:

- Help lead meetings and activities as called upon by the Senior Patrol Leader
- Guide the troop in the Senior Patrol Leader's absence
- Perform tasks assigned by the Senior Patrol Leader
- Member of the TLC
- Oversee all junior leaders
- Responsible to Senior Patrol Leader and troop members

Troop Scribe:

- Attend and create a monthly calendar from TLC meetings
- Member of the TLC
- Post calendars, event reports, and other items to troop website
- Send troop wide emails as needed.
- Responsible to Senior Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Troop Quartermaster:

- Working with the Committee Quartermaster,
- Oversee use of equipment and keep equipment in good repair
- Keep equipment room neat and clean
- Issue equipment and see that it is returned in good order
- Suggest new or replacement items
- Member of the TLC
- Responsible to Senior Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Troop Historian:

- Responsible for gather pictures and facts about past and current troop activities and creating Troop Event Reports.
- Member of the TLC
- Take care of troop trophies, awards and keepsakes
- Keep information about troop alumni
- Responsible to Senior Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Troop Librarian:

- Responsible for maintaining the troop library to ensure all books are up to date,
- Publish a periodic listing of all troop merit badge books,
- Member of the TLC
- Responsible to Senior Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Den Chief:

- Serve as the assistant to the Den Leader at den meetings for Pack 447
- Member of the TLC
- Help prepare the Webelos to join Boy Scouting
- Project a positive image of Troop 175 and Boy Scouting
- Serve as liaison between the den and the troop
- Responsible to Senior Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Troop Guide:

- Introduce new scouts to troop operations
- Guide new scouts through early scouting activities
- Help new scouts earn ranks through First Class
- Teach basic scout skills
- Member of the TLC
- Responsible to Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and new scouts

Troop Instructor:

- Coordinates the instruction scouting skills as needed within the troop
- Prepare well in advance for each teaching assignment
- Member of the TLC
- Responsible to Senior Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Junior Assistant Scoutmaster:

- Must be between 16 and 18 years old
- Member of the TLC
- Accomplish any duties assigned by the Scoutmaster
- Responsible to Scoutmaster

Patrol Leader:

- Plan and lead patrol meetings and activities
- Keep patrol members informed
- Initiate weekly phone tree
- Assign patrol members tasks
- Represent the patrol at the TLC
- Prepare the patrol to take part in all troop activities
- Responsible to Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and patrol members

Assistant Patrol Leader:

- Assist with the Patrol Leader plan and leading patrol meetings and activities
- Guide the patrol in the Patrol Leader's absence
- Assist weekly phone tree
- Assign patrol members tasks
- Prepare the patrol to take part in all troop activities
- Responsible to Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and patrol members

