

Scout Name

Leadership Position

Date Started

Congratulations on achieving a leadership position within Troop 3!

Leadership is a critical part of advancement within the Boy Scouts organization. You will be learning the fundamental building blocks that will help you to grow in your scouting experience, career and life. While holding this position there are certain things that will be expected of you. Monthly performance evaluations will be held with your assigned coach.

Attached to this sheet, you will find the evaluation checklist. Please take the time to review this and be prepared to evaluate yourself on the criteria.

The Boy Scouts of America have provided 10 tips on being a good leader:

1. **Keep Your Word.** Don't make promises that you cannot keep.
2. **Be Fair to All.** A good leader shows no favorites. Don't allow your friendships to keep you from being fair to all members of your patrol. Know who likes to do what, and assign duties to patrol members based on what they like to do.
3. **Be a Good Communicator.** You don't need a commanding voice to be a good leader, but you must be willing to step out in front with an effective "Let's go!" A good leader knows how to get and give information so that everyone understands what is going on.
4. **Be Flexible.** Everything doesn't always go as planned. Be prepared to shift to Plan B when Plan A doesn't work.
5. **Be Organized.** The time you spend planning will be repaid many times over. At patrol meetings, record who agrees to do each task, and fill out a duty roster before going camping.
6. **Delegate.** Some leaders assume that a job will not get done unless they do it themselves. Most people like to be challenged with a task. Empower your fellow scouts to do things they have never tried.
7. **Set an Example.** The most important thing you can do is lead by example. Whatever you do, your fellow scouts are likely to do the same. Whether wearing the uniform, having a cheerful attitude, or being helpful to others – set a good example.
8. **Be Consistent.** Nothing is more confusing than a leader who is one way one moment and another way a short time later. If your fellow scouts know what to expect from you, they will more likely respond positively to your leadership.
9. **Give Praise.** The best way to get credit is to give it away. Often a "Nice Job!" is all the praise necessary to make a Scout feel he is contributing to the efforts of his patrol.
10. **Ask for Help.** Don't be embarrassed to ask for help. You have many resources at your disposal. When confronted with a situation you don't know how to handle, ask someone with more experience for some advice and direction.

The role of leadership will be both demanding and rewarding. Challenge yourself and be the role model you've been elected to become!

Good Luck!

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