

Small Group/Patrol Roles

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Defined for the task or activity

assigned or self-selected

Rotated so everyone can practice every role

Ensure everyone can participate in a meaningful way

Patrol Leader

Receives Task instructions from Troop Leader or Volunteer

Assigns Tasks

Makes sure the kaper or activity is completed

Manages the patrol's work

Does their share of the work

Learning by Doing opportunity to practice leadership

Possible Additional Roles

(Some roles can be combined if you have smaller patrols.)

Timekeeper Role

Responsible for making sure the group keeps on schedule and is working on the assigned task.

Encourages the group to keep working when they lose focus.

Recorder Role

Keeps track of who is responsible for which parts of the task and the group findings and results. Acts as the scribe if that is needed.

Presenter Role

Presents the group's findings to the entire troop or group at the end of the activity.

If the group needs assistance, the presenter makes the request from the Troop Leader or Volunteer.

Checker Role

Checks the group's work, for accuracy. Makes sure each step is complete.

This role may be done by the Leader in smaller groups.

Questioner Role

Is responsible for making sure the group considers different viewpoints.

Asks questions that the group has not considered. Argues another viewpoint if the group has easily reached consensus to make sure they haven't missed anything.

This role may be filled by the Presenter if the group is small.

Resources Role

This person is responsible for getting needed materials or looking up information for the group to use.