

Troop 82 Policy for Staff Scouts

Purpose

This policy explains the role of Staff Scouts in Troop 82. It defines expectations for their responsibilities, uniforms, and leadership roles.

Who Are Staff Scouts?

- A Staff Scout is a Life Scout who is in high school.
- Life Scouts not yet in high school are not Staff Scouts and stay in their original Patrols.
- Staff Scouts will be placed in Staff Patrol by Company in Scoutbook.

What Are Staff Scout Attendance Requirements?

- The minimum attendance requirement for all Staff Scouts is three Troop meetings and one campout per semester (the “3-and-1 requirement”).
- Staff Scouts must choose and receive Company Scoutmaster (CSM) approval for their 3-and-1 dates at the beginning of each semester.
- Staff Scouts are responsible for securing a replacement and informing their CSM at least one week in advance if an unavoidable conflict arises.

What is the Purpose of the Staff Scout Program?

- The purpose of the Staff Scout Program is to reinforce the Patrol Method, which is the essence of how Scouting teaches leadership, responsibility, and teamwork.
- Provide older Scouts with meaningful and important leadership opportunities to help run the Troop, and to reduce the incidence of “Eagle and Out.”
- Support younger Scouts and adult leaders, especially with Trail to First Class (TTFC).
- Develop leadership skills and model Scout Spirit.

What is the Position of Responsibility (POR) for Staff Scouts?

- Staff Scouts fall into two tiers:
 1. Troop Guides
 2. SPL/ASPL
- All Staff Scouts are Troop Guides unless they are tapped to become SPL/ASPL.

What Is Being Tapped to Become SPL/ASPL?

- Selected by the Scoutmaster (SM) and Company Scoutmasters (CSMs).
- Positions include Company SPLs (one per company) and Company ASPLs (multiple as needed).
- Expectations: higher participation, leadership, and serving as liaisons between Scouts and adult leaders.
- Required to wear a green uniform shirt. See Uniform Guidance below.
- These Scouts represent the core youth leadership of Troop 82.

Future Troop-Wide Leadership

- Once the system is established, the Troop may elect a Troop SPL (and possibly a Troop ASPL).
- If elected, the Troop SPL will lead opening ceremonies and other troop-wide functions.
- At that point, Company SPLs may continue as ASPLs in Scoutbook but keep their title of Company SPL within their company.

Uniform Guidance

- The Troop will provide all Staff Scouts with a Staff Scout Patch and a Gold Name Badge.
- The Staff Scout Patch is required (right sleeve, under the U.S. flag, replacing the patrol patch). This patch is to signify that these older Scouts have graduated from their patrols.
- The Gold Name Badges also signify that these older Scouts are T82 Scout leaders.
- For Troop Guides, green uniform shirts are strongly encouraged but not required.
- For SPL/ASPL, green uniform shirts are required.
- The purpose of the green shirts is to:
 - help TTFC Scouts easily identify leaders
 - allow adults to identify Staff Scouts available to help

Acquiring Green Uniform Shirts

- Green uniforms and insignia are available through the Circle Ten Council Scout Shop (John D. Murchison Scouting Center, Dallas)
- Scouts are responsible for purchase and patch placement
- Key items include:
 - Venturing Green Shirt
 - Forest Green Shoulder Loops
 - “Scouting America” strip
 - ASPL/SPL patches
 - World Crest and ring
 - Unit numerals (8 & 2)
 - Restricted patches (Life, Arrow of Light, Circle Ten Council) must be purchased in person.
- Existing patches from current uniform shirt may be transferred to the green shirt (loops, World crest and ring, 82, C10, etc.)

