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- Go to the Patrol Leaders' forum and help create the programme each term.
- Run a game for the Troop (this will be planned and agreed in advance).
- Set an example to the rest of your Patrol.
- Help those in your Patrol.

As a PL, you will get the chance to:

**TOP TIPS**  
Remember these handy hints and tips on being an excellent PL:

**BEING A PATROL LEADER**  
Being a PL is a challenge but remember that your leaders have chosen you because they know you have what it takes to be a brilliant leader.

## WELL DONE

Your leaders think you're the right person to be the Patrol Leader because:



## CONGRATULATIONS

## ON BECOMING A PATROL LEADER



# TOP TIPS FOR BEING A PATROL LEADER



P

## PLAN AND RUN GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

As a PL your leader may ask you to help run part of the Troop night. Here are some of the things you could do:

- Organise a game for the Troop.
- Referee a game.
- Work with the other Patrol Leaders to run a whole Troop night.
- Plan a team-building activity for your Patrol.
- Help tidy away any equipment at the end of the night.

A

## ASSIST NEW SCOUTS

As a PL, your leader might ask you to help welcome and look after new Scouts. Here are some of the things you could do:

- Introduce them to the rest of your Patrol.
- Explain what to do and where to stand during ceremonies.
- Show them where things are at the Scout meeting place, like the toilets and kitchen.
- Explain the rules of games and activities.
- Answer any questions they might have (remember, don't worry if you don't know the answer yourself, your leaders are always there to help).

T

## TAKE THE LEAD IN CEREMONIES

Your leader may ask you to lead parts of a ceremony either on a Troop night, at camp or a local event. This might involve you checking that:

- The flag has been folded correctly and is ready for Flag Break.
- Your Patrol is dressed smartly and standing to alert.
- The Scouts in your patrol know what to do at Flag Break and Flag Down.

R

## READY YOUR TROOP AND HELP LEADERS

As a PL you can make sure all the Scouts get the most out of each Troop night by helping the leaders. You can do this by:

- Making sure everyone in the Patrol is ready for games and activities.
- Helping to get any equipment ready for activities and helping clear them away.
- Making sure your Patrol is paying attention when a Leader is giving instructions.

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## ORGANISE AND HELP WITH THE PROGRAMME

As a PL you can take part in a Patrol Leaders' Forum and maybe a District Patrol Leaders' Forum. This is your chance to let the leaders know what you and your Patrol would like to see on the programme. Make sure you:

- Ask your Patrol what they want to be included in the programme and take these ideas to the forum.
- Remember to explain to the Patrol what was talked about at the forums and what has been decided and why.

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## LEARN BY DOING AND HAVE FUN!

Your experience as a Patrol Leader could add to your other experiences in Scouting, preparing you to join Explorers. Remember, Scouting is all about adventure, learning by doing and having fun, so enjoy it!

