

Troop 71 – Position of Responsibility Matrix

Minimum Age Requirement (see Note 1)	Elected or Appointed	Minimum Rank Requirement (see Note 1)				
		2 nd Class	1 st Class	Star	Life	Eagle
None	Appointed	Asst. Patrol Leader (by PL/SM; 6 mos) Troop QM Troop Historian Troop Librarian Chaplain Aide Bugler (by SPL/SM; 6 mos)	OA Representative (by SPL/SM; 6 mos)			
12 years old	Elected		Patrol Leader (6 mos) (see Note 2)			
13 years old	Appointed		Troop Scribe (by SPL/SM; 6 mos) Troop Guide Den Chief Instructor (by SM; 6 mos)	ASPL (by SPL/SM; 6 mos)		
14 years old	Elected				SPL (6 mos)	
16 years old	Appointed					JASM (by SM; 6 mos)

Notes:

1. Meeting the minimum age & rank requirements does not guarantee that a scout will be appointed or allowed to run for election. The scout's experience, willingness to perform the required duties and scout spirit will also be considered. If unusual circumstances occur (e.g., the troop has no scouts meeting the age/rank requirements to be SPL), the minimum requirements may be waived by the Scoutmaster.
2. For the New Scout Patrol, at the discretion of the Assistant Scoutmaster for New Scouts, the Troop Guide may serve as the Patrol Leader. Alternatively, the Assistant Scoutmaster for New Scouts may appoint new scouts to serve as the Patrol Leader on a rotating basis (for a term of 1 to 3 months – waiving the age and rank requirement)