



New Scout Tip: How to Lead When You're Not The Leader

Welcome to ScoutsBSA, likely the first time you have been a part of an organization lead by other youth and not adults. With this comes added responsibility, accountability, and fun! While leading a group when you are not THE Leader can be tricky, it is a skill that will serve you well your entire life. Below are a few tips on how to be a leader without a position or title.

- Lead by Example
 - When signs go up be among the first to make the scout sign, stop talking, and make eye contact with whomever put the signs up.
 - When called into patrol lines be among the first to fall in and come to attention.
 - Be sure to ignore electronics during a troop event. If your peers see you on a phone/game, etc. they will use theirs.
 - Be a resource to others. Know your scout skills like knot tying, first aid, and fire building so when called upon you can help teach others.
- Be Prepared
 - Arrive to the troop meeting 5-10 minutes early with your handbook and any other materials you may need. Encourage others to do the same.
 - Encourage your patrol leader to email the patrol the day or two before a troop meeting with details on patrol time so you/your patrol can use that time wisely.
- Increase Communication
 - Ask your patrol leader or SPL questions on your mind and circulate the answers to the rest of your patrol. If you had the question it is likely that others did as well.
 - Speak Up! If you have an idea, notice a problem, or want to make a suggestion, let your patrol leader or others know.