Troop 165

Introduction to the

Assistant Scoutmaster Position

Training

 Required

 Youth Protection Training (Prior to attending a meeting or outing)

 Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training

 Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills Training

 Suggested

 Wood Badge

 Consider

 Okipk

 Powder Horn

 Other Certifications

 CPR

 Wilderness First Aid

 IL Food Handling License

ASM Meeting

 Fourth Tuesday, 6:30 – 7:15PM at the Nature Center (prior to PLC and Committee Meeting)

 Review next three outings and summer camp preparations (starting in March)

 Discuss observations both in general and about specific scouts

Troop Meeting

Patrol Advisor

 Attend Patrol Meetings as often as possible, including patrol and troop events.

 Show enthusiasm for the patrol and troop, and for their activities and values.

 Assist PL to understand and overcome social, behavioral, and emotional problems.

 Constantly guide the PL and patrol members to consider as their first and highest priority opportunities to make good ethical decisions.

 Reinforce the following leadership skills (as communicated to the PL in Youth Leadership Training), including but not limited to:

 Effective planning for meetings, campouts, skits, etc

 Selects a Grubmaster

 Use Menu Planner and Duty Roster

 Adheres to the $3 per scout, per meal guideline

 Effective communication with patrol members, including methods to determine if the attempted communication has been successful.

 Effective delegation of duties (not responsibility) to APL and other patrol members.

 Knowing and using resources such as:

Troop Gear, Handbooks, Advisors, Merit Badge Counselors, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters, Troop Committee members, troop library

 Characteristics and needs of individuals, the Patrol as a whole, and the Troop

 Reinforce behavior consistent with the Scout Oath and Law

 Evaluating/Reflecting (feedback on performance)

 Assist the Patrol Leader in using these programs leadership methods and management processes, and then allow him the opportunity to lead. Scouts learn by doing; making mistakes is a normal and essential part of the process.

 As appropriate, be available to advise the leader on the following:

 Guide PL on patrol meeting behavior based on the scout oath and law.

 Direct Patrol Leaders to appropriate Scouting materials and resources for learning scout skills, rank advancement, merit badges, high adventure, etc.

 Provide support and coaching to Patrol Leader. Be a supportive, nonjudgmental person they can call and talk to about a plan, a problem or just advise. Be available as a mentor.

 Promote advancement for the patrol members.

 Work with leader to establish personal goals and patrol goals.

 Encourage the PL to attend and actively participate in PLC meetings.

 Encourage him to solicit input on issues from his patrol members for known upcoming issues, and to report back to them on the results of the PLC meetings.

 Communicate regularly with the PL to provide encouragement, support, insight, and feedback. Weekly communications outside the meetings are encouraged.

 Carry out the established programs, methods, etc. as established by Troop Leadership within the Patrol.

 Be available to discuss patrol status regularly (usually weekly at troop meeting) and accurately to the Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader specific information regarding Patrol Leader and Patrol performance, needs, and problems. Any significant breaches of behavior and poor ethical decision making should be communicated quickly, whether a solution has been worked out or not.

 Advancement

 Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class ranks

 Read the requirements carefully to understand and hold scouts accountable

 Also, remember that a scout is trustworthy

 Not allowed during Patrol Meeting portion unless accompanied by Patrol Leader

Outings

 Adult in Charge

Each ASM lead 1x/year

 Council-Organized Event

 Registration, deposits

 Troop-Organized Event

 Secure an appropriate location for the preferred date

 Change date/location if necessary depending on which is higher priority

 Develop program agenda and content

 Attend ASM Meetings leading up to outing to review status and recruit other leaders

 Select a Grubmaster for Old Buzzard Patrol

 Promotion Flyer & Permission Slip – eMail to troop within 1 month prior to date

 Troop email – troop@lists.bsatroop165.org

 Meeting Promotion – Guide the Scout-in-Charge

 Attend meetings to support Scout-in Charge and collect Permission Slips and payments

 Ask another ASM to substitute if you cannot attend

 Receipts – Must be turned into Treasurer within two weeks following the outing