# *Camp Patrol Roles & Patrol Rotas*

The Patrol System is essential to the running of a successful scout camp. Each patrol is responsible for organising and looking after itself. All duties are done by the patrol working together. To ensure that everything works well, it is important that all patrol members appreciate that there are jobs to be done and everyone shares in doing them. Also, it is crucial that every member understands what the roles are and how they are done. Before camp, have a patrol meeting and discuss all the roles and who will do them. Generally, there are two main types of duties to be done on camp: Full-Camp Roles and Daily Jobs.

*Full-Camp Roles*: These are jobs that a scout has for the whole of camp, such as being the Patrol Leader, the First Aider, or the Quartermaster. Scouts perform these roles throughout the camp, during programme and while on-site.

*Daily Tasks*: These are every duties that must be completed, such cooking, cleaning, and maintaining the site. To ensure fairness, it is important that these jobs are shared and distributed using a rota. Scouts only do these jobs when they are scheduled to do so.

# Full-Camp Roles

Here are a selection of Full-Camp roles. They are only suggestions; you can adjust them to your patrol and the circumstances of your camp. It is important that everyone has a role in the patrol. In many cases, two scouts can work on the one role together, if required. These roles should be suited to the scout and should help them achieve their Crean Awards and other badges. Before camp, the PL and APL, with the help of the Scouters, should make sure that everyone understands their role.



- PL: The scout who organises the patrol. They will support other scouts in their roles and make sure the daily rota is working. The PL works closely with the APL, other PLs, and the Scouters.
- APL: The scout who helps the PL in their role and deputises for them when required.
- Quartermaster: The scout who organises and maintains the Patrol's equipment during, on, and after camp.
- First Aider/Safety Officer: The scout who maintains the first aid kits and gives first aid, with the help of scouters. They could also be responsible for safety on site.
- Treasurer: The scout who plans the patrol's budget and administers the patrol funds, with the PL.
- Photographer/Scribe: The scout who records the activities of patrol for the log.
- Leave No Trace Officer: The scout who makes sure the patrol is following the principles of Leave No Trace.
- Host: The scout responsible for meeting and providing refreshments to visitors.

# Daily Tasks & the Patrol Rota

The everyday tasks on camp are shared amongst the patrol evenly with everyone playing their part. It is a good idea to have the daily tasks shared between to two scouts. As well as making the jobs easier, you can pair more experienced scouts on their second or third camps with those on their first. This way the scouts will learn from each other.  Here is a possible way of dividing and organising the daily tasks.

|  | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 |
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| Dave & Sarah | Cook | Site | Wash | Fire | Patrol Day Trip |
| Jen & Pete (APL) | Fire | Cook | Site | Wash | |
| Mick & Claire | Wash | Fire | Cook | Site | |
| Ruth (PL) & Joe | Site | Wash | Fire | Cook | |

- Cooking: Buys/collects food for meals; distributes food; consults with scouters on menu and preparation; cooks and serves dinner.
- Fire Duty: Cleans out fire from night before; collects and cuts firewood; makes sure safety equipment is in order; lights and maintains fire; takes pots/pans on and off fire.
- Cleaning/Washing: Empties bins, recycling bags and compost bins; disposes of waste correctly; sweeps tents; cleans cooking and eating areas before and after use; puts on hot water for washing; cleans patrol equipment after meals.
- Site Maintenance: Checks and maintains tents, gadget lashings, boundaries etc; checks safety equipment; fills water containers; helps get equipment ready for programme.