



# *Building Blocks of a Scout Troop*

## *Scouts*

- Each Scout is an active member of the Troop, who has taken their Scout Promise, and who participates in the programme.

## *Patrols*

- Scout troops usually have 1- 4 patrols.
- Patrols are the centre of Scout Troops. Even in a Troop with small numbers, every effort should be made to have at least two Patrols.
- Each scout should have a role in the patrol.

## *Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC)*

- It is made up of the PLs, and APLs sometimes, and Scouters.
- It plans the troop programme, awards badges, and administers the troop.

## *Scouters*

- The Scouters team work with the Scouts to facilitate them in developing and running their own programme.





## ***Troop Meetings***

- Weekly meetings should always be structured with a planned programme.

## ***Patrol Corners***

- A 20-30 min portion of the Troop meeting that happens monthly, but also can be separate patrol meetings.

## ***Troop and Patrol Activities***

- It is a good idea to have a mix of Troop and Patrol activities.
- Through these activities Scouts achieve Crean Awards, Ad. Skills and Special Interest Badges.

## ***Programme Cycle***

- A period of time where the Troop's programme is focused around the undertaking of a series of adventures.

## ***Summer Camp***

- The highlight of the annual Troop programme should be the Summer Camp. The Camp should be Patrol based.

