



Patrol Identity

Patrol Spirit is a culture of teamwork and friendship that develops among the members of a Patrol who work together. Building up patrol spirit takes time; it is shaped by a patrol's experiences. Having a Patrol Identity can be very helpful in developing a strong patrol spirit. You can use your patrol name to make a logo for flags, signs, t-shirts and other things which will establish your patrol as a distinct group.

Patrol Names:

Some Troops have had the same patrol names for years, while others change their name regularly. It is up to your Patrol, with the help of the Patrol Leaders' Council, to decide if you want to keep a name or choose a new one. Most patrol names are based on animals.

Baden-Powell, in *Scouting for Boys*, explains that: "Each troop of scouts is named after the place to which it belongs. Each patrol of the troop is named after an animal or bird. It is a good plan to choose only animals and birds found in your district." Picking an animal from your locality helps build your connection with the area, or if you want you could pick an animal that reflects your patrol, like an Otter for a patrol who likes water activities, or a wolf for a patrol who likes wilderness activities. However, you can choose whatever you want as your patrol name, once it is appropriate and you can build an identity around it.

Here are the symbols for some traditional patrol names: Panther, Curlew, Hawk, Wolf, Raven, and Bull.





Patrol Logo

Your Patrol can establish its identity through the use of a Patrol Logo which can be put on signs, flags, and patrol equipment. When deciding on a Patrol Logo you could use the images on the Patrol Badges, or you could come up with your own design, especially if one or two of your patrol members are feeling creative.



Patrol Sign

Equipment: Acrylic paint, paint brushes, water container to clean the brushes (such as, an old cup or the bottom of a milk carton), rags, design, laptop/device, projector, blank sign, or item to be painted, such as a patrol box or notice board.

1. Lay down newspaper around the area you will be painting.
2. Project the image you want to paint onto the sign. You can use the focusing function on the projector to set the size of the image.
3. Trace an outline of the image onto the sign, as well as any details.
4. Paint the image. Sometimes patrols have Patrol Colours, or you can choose your own. When choosing them, remember that simple strong colours are best on sign as they will be clearly visible. Use a rag to wipe away any mistakes or spills.
5. Allow paint to dry and add another coat if necessary (you can use a hairdryer if you need to save time).
6. Clean brushes between uses and clean thoroughly after use.





Sample Patrol Signs





Patrol Flags

A Patrol Flag is a another way you establish your identity. When the flag is done, it helps the patrol to feel like a team. You can make different flags, for example a smaller one to take on patrol activities, or a larger flag for your site on camp.

Making a flag

Equipment: Two lengths of material (in your patrol colours, one small for the design, one larger for the flag), scissors, glue or bondaweb (available from drapers), design, and an iron.

1. Draw/print out the design, something simple like an animal silhouette is best as it will be easy to cut out.
2. Cut out the section of the smaller piece of material large enough to fit the silhouette; then, cut a section of bondaweb to fit it. Iron the bondaweb on to the piece. If you are using material glue, you can skip this step.



3. Pin the design to the piece of material, cut out the shape.
4. Peel the bondaweb off, place on the other piece of material on the now sticky side, and iron in place.

