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Troop 259 Position of Responsibility Record

Chaplain Aid

Job Description:

The chaplain aide assists the troop chaplain (usually an adult from the troop committee or the chartered organization) in serving the religious needs of the troop. He ensures that religious holidays are considered during the troop's program planning process and promotes the BSA's religious emblems program.

Position Coordinator: Assistant Scoutmaster or Committee Member

Qualifications: First Class

Required Duties of Chaplain Aid:

- Keep troop leaders apprised of religious holidays when planning activities.
- Assist the troop chaplain or religious coordinator in meeting the religious needs of troop members while on activities.
- Encourage saying grace at meals while camping or on activities.
- Lead worship services on campouts.
- Tell troop members about the religious emblems program for their faith.
- Set a good example.
- Wear the Scout uniform correctly.
- Live by the Scout Oath and Scout Law.
- Show and help develop Scout spirit.

Additional Guidelines Assigned by Troop:

- Participate in ILST Training
- Lead the troop in a prayer, invocation or benediction appropriate to an event or activity according to your faith on 3 different occasions OR participate in or conduct a nondenominational service at a campout, activity, or event.
- Encourage troop members to participate through their own church and faith, Scout Sunday.
 - The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. However, each chartered organization can use either of two other options to celebrate this special day.
 - An organization can adopt a specific Sunday to celebrate. In the instance of the United Methodist Church, Scout Sunday is celebrated on the second Sunday in February. It also is permissible for a local church to celebrate on the Sunday most acceptable to the pastor and congregation.



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