

Troop Committee Roles

Every troop is under the supervision of a troop committee. This committee consists of a minimum of three members, each of whom meets these requirements: If residing in this country but not a citizen of the United States, agrees to abide by the Scout Oath and Law, to respect and obey the laws of the United States of America, and to subscribe to the BSA statement of religious principle. Is of good character, is 21 years of age or older, is selected by the chartered organization, and is registered as an adult leader of the BSA. One of these is designated as troop committee chair.

Obviously, with a committee of three, members must assume responsibility for more areas of service than with a committee of seven or more, where the responsibilities can be divided among the members. Although troops can and do operate with a minimum of three committee members, experience has shown that a larger committee generally ensures a stronger, more stable troop and is better able to perform all the required functions to ensure a successful troop program. It is also a way of involving more troop families in meaningful service to the troop.

Responsibilities: Regardless of the size of the troop committee, these responsibilities must be performed:

- Make recommendations to the chartered organization for final approval of troop leadership.
- Recruit the scoutmaster and one or more assistant scoutmasters, with the chartered organization's approval.
- Provide adequate and safe facilities for troop meetings.
- Coordinate the troop's program and the chartered organization's program through the chartered organization representative.
- Help with troop charter renewal.
- Help stimulate the interest of adult family members through proper programming.
- Supervise finances and equipment.
- Work closely with the scoutmaster.
- Ensure that all Scouts receive a year-round quality program.

Qualifications & Responsibilities

- Complete troop committee 'This is Scouting' Training, YOUTH PROTECTION Training, Boy Scout Fast Start Leadership Training, and Leader Specific Training.
- Conduct, with the help of the scoutmaster, periodic training for parents and guardians.
- Cooperate with other Scouting units.

A strong troop committee will have individual members assigned to such areas as record keeping and correspondence, finances, advancement, training, public relations, and membership and re-registration. The troop committee chair decides how the responsibilities should be divided and gives committee members assignments.