



BSA Troop 714

Marietta, Georgia

Patrol Elections and Reorganization Rules of Troop-714

“The patrol method is not a way to operate a Boy Scout troop, it is the only way. Unless the patrol method is in operation, you don’t really have a Boy Scout troop.”

– Robert Baden-Powell
Founder of Scouting

Patrol size must be from 6 to 12 active Scouts; less or more requires SM & SPL pre-approval.

Each patrol must be supported by at least one trained ASM, two+ preferred.

Each patrol must have an elected Patrol Leader who agrees to serve; He cannot be elected unless present or otherwise confirms interest to the Scoutmaster.

The Patrol Leader must appoint at least an Assistant Patrol Leader (APL) and Patrol Quartermaster (PQM), appointing other patrol positions is encouraged (Scribe, Grubmaster, Cheermaster, etc.).

Scouts can change patrols only if the patrol they leave is still legal size or is successfully disbanded.

No orphans - no patrol changes can leave any Scout without a patrol membership.

Scouts must have the approval of the patrol they are joining (which must not unreasonably be denied).

Patrol creation requires pre-approval of the new patrol at the previous PLC meeting.

Patrols must design and create a patrol flag (requirements for a patrol flag are in the Boy Scout Handbook).

Patrol names must be approved by the Scoutmaster. The patrol name must be represented by a patrol patch and the patrol name is not final until at least one-half of the Scouts in the patrol are wearing the proper patrol patch and the patrol flag is approved.

“The object of the patrol method is not so much saving the Scoutmaster trouble as to give responsibility to the boy.” – Robert Baden-Powell