



The troop guide works with the new scouts as they join the troop. There are usually four scouts chosen by the Senior Patrol Leader as Troop Guides. These four scouts work with the New Scout Patrol for the first 3-4 months in the troop.

Meetings

As soon as opening announcements are completed, you and the other troop guides will take the new scouts with you to a quiet area to practice scout skills and to teach the new scouts about how Troop 714 works. The Troop Instructor will work with you as you teach new skills to the scouts and help them reach Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks. This job takes creativity and patience. One of the keys to remember is that you should use the EDGE method to help scouts learn rather than doing everything for them.



As troop guide you will have to remain patient and present a positive message to the new scouts. That means being respectful and positive. You should not yell at the scouts or use a negative tone or words when you work with them.

Events



As troop guide you will be expected to attend the New Scout Campout, First Aid Campout and Mystery Cookout. You will be expected to help with the new scouts as they learn how to build fires, cook meals and set up camp.

Recruiting

Troop guides are important in the recruiting process. You will be asked periodically to visit cub scout and Webelos groups to tell them about Troop 714. At these meetings, you will be asked to explain what makes Troop 714 special. You will also be expected to be friendly and helpful to visiting cub scouts. When cub scouts visit, a troop guide will need to introduce the visiting scouts to the rest of the troop during announcements. You will then take the new scouts to a special meeting with the new scouts and the Troop Instructor.