

Patrol Meeting Guidelines
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How to run a patrol meeting:

Communication. A patrol meeting will only be successful if:

- 👁️ Everyone can see and hear everyone else
- 👂 Everyone is focused on the patrol leader and the topic at hand
- ➔ Everyone is included in the topic being discussed
- 🗣️ The patrol meeting is run by the patrol leader and not the patrol

Therefore...

- 🚫 There can be no private conversations, even mentor protégé, until the meeting is concluded
- ✳️ The topics discussed must pertain to everyone and individual questions to the patrol leader should be addressed later
- ✉️ The patrol can not go overboard and steer the meeting away from its purpose

A patrol meeting will be more successful if...

- 🕒 Discussion is kept short and to the point
- ✳️ Distractions are not allowed to get out of hand

Also the patrol advisor needs to be at the meeting and the APL should bring the flag every week.

What to discuss in a patrol meeting:

1. Attendance
APL should do it and turn it in to the scribe, without group discussion
2. Review
Discuss the patrol meeting from the previous week and what happened
Talk about anything that was good or bad that week
3. Meeting topic
Discuss the topic presented to you by the program patrol
Write down any notes they requested
4. Upcoming duties
Remind members of your patrol of any upcoming bus stop, flag or program duties
This does not eliminate the need for reminder phone calls the weekend before, it simply prepares the scouts in your patrol
Upcoming programs can be discussed but troop patrol meetings are not the place to plan them
5. Advancement
Make sure mentors and proteges are working together
Have everyone set advancement goals for a 2-4 week period or longer for older scouts earning merit badges
Mark goals on patrol advancement chart
Hold scouts accountable to their goals and review them every week
6. TLC Issues
Ask scouts if they have issues for the patrol leader to bring up in the TLC
Also ask for program ideas and suggestions for any other things the TLC is discussing such as summer outings, new discipline policies or potential service projects.