

Historian

Age Requirements: None

Rank Requirements: None

Experience: None, but an interest in photography is helpful.



General Leadership Responsibilities

Uniform: Set the example by wearing your uniform correctly. This means that you will wear all of the parts of the troop uniform, shirt tucked in, with all required badges in their correct locations.

Behavior: Set the example by living the Scout Oath and Law in your everyday life. Show Scout Spirit in everything you say and do.

Attendance: Set the example by being an active Scout. Be on time for meetings and activities. You must call the Senior Patrol Leader or Scoutmaster if you suddenly have to miss an outing. You also need to make sure that someone will assume your responsibilities.

Specific Job Responsibilities

The historian's primary responsibility is taking photographs and developing a written summary of each troop outing for the troop website. May also gather photographs taken by other scouts or adults. Photos and written summaries should be provided to the Webmaster in an electronic format within one week of the trip. The historian should only pass along their best photos. It is much better to provide a few great photos than hundreds of fair ones.

In addition to taking photos, the historian may occasionally be asked to put together displays showing troop activities. These might be used for Courts of Honor, popcorn sales, or other troop publicity.

Resources

Read the user manual for your camera and learn how to use all of its features.

Take the Photography Merit Badge for an introduction to photography.

There are lots of on line resources which teach you how to be a better photographer, both technically and artistically. There is a good link here: <http://www.kodak.com/global/en/corp/top10tips/index.jhtml>

Use Photoshop or a similar program to improve the color, contrast, and composition of your photos.