

Instructor



Rank Requirements: First Class or above

Experience: Expertise in a particular area of scouting skills, good teaching skills.

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 instructor’s responsibility is teaching skills to other boys in the troop. The primary focus is boys working on Tenderfoot through First Class rank requirements; however refresher training is also needed for older boys and will be incorporated into Troop Meetings.

This may be one-on-one sessions with individual scouts, within a patrol, or in front of the entire troop. Instructors should meet with patrol leaders periodically to understand which skills their patrol members need help with. Especially the new scout patrol.

Each instructor is responsible for one or more areas of expertise including: First Aid, Camping, Cooking, Hiking/Navigation, Citizenship/Nature, or Aquatics/Fitness. The following chart shows the specifics of each of these areas. The instructor should be an expert within their area and should be able to demonstrate these skills without referring to the Boy Scout Handbook or other sources.

Area	Knowledge/Experience	Skills to Teach	Rank Requirements*
First Aid	Must have First Aid Merit Badge Scout Handbook Chapter 4*	All first aid skills except CPR (see rank requirements). Creating a personal first aid kit.	Tenderfoot: 12a-b Second Class: 7 First Class: 8b-d
Camping	Must have Camping Merit Badge Scout Handbook Chapters 9 & 12*	Personal camping gear. How to setup troop tents. Firebuilding (including cooking fires) Knots and tools. Totin’ Chip requirements	Tenderfoot: 1, 4 Second Class: 3b-d First Class: 7a-b, 8a

		(must be signed off by Scoutmaster) and axe yard rules. Setting up a dining fly.	
Cooking	Must have Cooking Merit Badge Scout Handbook Chapter 10*	Food safety (handling, cleanup, cooking thoroughly). Menu planning, budgeting, and shopping. How to setup and light propane stoves and MSR backpacking stoves. Don't put stoves directly on plastic tables. Cooking over a fire. Keyhole fires. Setting up a wash station (wash/rinse/sanitize), cleaning cooking equipment and utensils including cast iron. Cookbox contents and organization.	Tenderfoot: 3 Second Class: 3e-g First Class: 4a-e
Hiking & Navigation	Scout Handbook Chapters 8 & 11*	Clothing and equipment for hiking including 10 scout essentials. Safe hiking. Weather hazards. Orienteering skills (compass/map usage, directions without compass, estimating distances and heights).	Tenderfoot: 5 Second Class: 1 First Class: 1
Citizenship & Nature	Scout Handbook Chapters 2, 5 & 6*	Citizenship (flag procedures and ceremonies). Identifying plants and animals	Tenderfoot: 6, 11 Second Class: 4, 6, 9b First Class: 6
Aquatics & Fitness	Must have Swimming and Lifesaving Merit Badges Scout Handbook Chapters 3 & 5*	Safe Swim and Safe Trip Afloat. Swimming requirements need to be taught at LMT or another pool.	Tenderfoot: 10a, 10b Second Class: 8a-c First Class: 9a-c

EDGE Training

Instructors should be using the EDGE method (Explain-Demonstrate-Guide-Enable) in teaching skills.

Online Resources

Resources for Identifying Pennsylvania Native Trees:

http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/ucmprd1/groups/public/documents/document/dcnr_002216.pdf

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=35outwAUBzk>

Resources for animal tracking:

<http://www.princeton.edu/~oa/nature/tracking.pdf>

<http://www.grit.com/uploadedImages/GRT/articles/issues/2010-01-01/Grt-JF10-tracks-chart.jpg>

Knot Tying:

http://home.ionet.net/~frog/pdfs/6_boy_scout_knots.pdf