

JamboRí: Stories Begin Here!

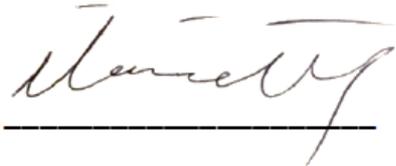
Hi,

Your journey towards JamboRí begins now! Summer camp is the highlight of the scouting year. Over the next few months you will develop your patrol spirit and scouting skills, all of which will be important at the JamboRí.

To help you prepare, it is important you have patrols in your troop. Patrols will be very important at the JamboRí. In your troops, you will be camping, cooking, and working together in your patrols. This document has advice on making patrols.

You can learn more about the JamboRí on the website and through our social media accounts. Every month, we will be sending you resources to run an active programme getting ready for the camp.

Yours in Scouting,



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Forming Patrols

Scout Troops are made up of patrols. The Scout Programme should be based around patrols. At the beginning of each year, Scout troops make new patrols. Here is some advice on forming patrols in your troop:

Step 1	Decide on Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders
Step 2	Assign existing and new Members to Patrols
Step 3	A role for Each Patrol Member
Step 4	Run Patrol Corners
Step 5	Run a Patrol Activity

Step 1: Decide on Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders

Different troops have different ways of choosing which scouts would make the best PLs and APLs. In some troops, they are elected with all scouts and scouters participating in the vote, or in others the current/outgoing PLs and Scouters decide. When matching PLs and APLs consider their capabilities/circumstances (eg. a new APL with a more experienced PL, or a having a gender mix).

Step 2: Assign existing and new Members to Patrols

The Patrol Leaders Council (PLs, APLs, and Scouters) can work together on dividing the troop in patrols. You should consider scouting experience, existing members of patrols, and friendship groups. Patrols should have scouts at different stages of their Crean Awards.

Step 3: A role for Each Patrol Member

It is important that everyone in the patrol has a role. This ensures that each scout plays an active part and contributes to the patrol. Common roles, besides PL and APL, are: quartermaster, first aider, treasurer, photographer/scribe, cook, and Leave No Trace officer.

Step 4: Run Patrol Corners

These are a short patrol meetings within your troop meetings. Typically, these should be 20mins. During these meetings patrols will: plan programme, review activities, and assess progress in Crean Awards and Adventure Skills.

Step 5: Run a Patrol Activity

Next, try to get the Patrols to do activities in their patrols. Initially, run games and other activities during weekly meetings using patrols. Then, encourage troop activities where each Patrol operates independently – such as a series of bases they rotate through, or each patrol could light and cook on their own fire.