

WEBELOS Transition - Preparing for Boy Scouts

History of BSA

Lord Baden-Powel (BP):

- Founder of Scouting
- British General – Military hero
- Held trial camp at Brownsea Island on July 25th 1907
- Published 'Scouting for Boys' in 1908. Had written a book called 'Aids to Scouting' in 1903.
- Visited US and Canada in 1910 to organize Scouts

William D. Boyce:

- Publisher from Chicago visits London
- Lost in the fog and is helped by a Scout
- Scout tells Mr. Boyce that 'He was doing a good turn'
- Meets with Lord Robert Baden-Powell to learn more about Scouting
- February 8, 1910, Mr. Boyce and a group of other leaders founded the Boy Scouts of America

Trivia:

- In the British Scout Training Center at Gilwell Park, England, Scouts from the United States erected a statue of an American buffalo in honor of this unknown Scout. *One Good Turn to one man* became a Good Turn to millions of American boys. Such is the power of a Good Turn.

Founders of Scouting and the BSA

Robert S. S. Baden-Powell

As a youth, Robert Baden-Powell greatly enjoyed the outdoors, learning about nature and how to live in the wilderness. After returning as a military hero from service in Africa, Baden-Powell discovered that English boys were reading the manual about stalking and survival in the wilderness that he had written for British soldiers. Gathering ideas from Ernest Thompson Seton, Daniel Carter Beard, and others, he rewrote the manual as a nonmilitary nature skill book and called it *Scouting for Boys*. To test his ideas, Baden-Powell brought together 22 boys to camp at Brownsea Island, off the coast of England. This historic campout was a success and resulted in the advent of Scouting. Thus, the imagination and inspiration of Baden-Powell, later proclaimed Chief Scout of the World, brought Scouting to youth the world over.

Ernest Thompson Seton

Born in Scotland, Ernest Thompson Seton immigrated to America as a youth in the 1880s. His fascination with the wilderness led him to become a naturalist, an artist, and an author, and through his works he influenced both youth and adults. Seton established a youth organization called the Woodcraft Indians, and his background of outdoor skills and interest in youth made him a logical choice for the position of first Chief Scout of the BSA in 1910. His many volumes of *Scoutcraft* became an integral part of Scouting, and his intelligence and enthusiasm helped turn an idea into reality.

Daniel Carter Beard

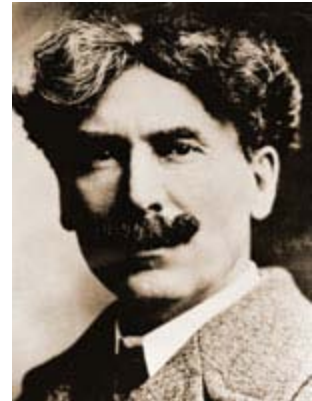
Woodsman, illustrator, and naturalist, Daniel Carter Beard was a pioneering spirit of the Boy Scouts of America. Already 60 years old when the Boy Scouts of America was formed, he became a founder and merged it with his own boys' organization, the Sons of Daniel Boone. As the first national Scout commissioner, Beard helped design the original Scout uniform and introduced the elements of the First Class Scout badge. "Uncle Dan," as he was known to boys and leaders, will be remembered as a colorful figure dressed in buckskin who helped form Scouting in the United States.

William D. Boyce

In 1909, Chicago publisher William D. Boyce lost his way in a dense London fog. A boy came to his aid and, after guiding the man, refused a tip, explaining that as a Scout he would not take a tip for doing a Good Turn. This gesture by an unknown Scout inspired a meeting with Robert Baden-Powell, the British founder of the Boy Scouts. As a result, William Boyce incorporated the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910. He also created the Lone Scouts, which merged with the Boy Scouts of America in 1924.

James E. West

James E. West was appointed the first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America in 1911. Although orphaned and physically handicapped, he had the perseverance to graduate from law school and become a successful attorney. This same determination provided the impetus to help build Scouting into the largest and most effective youth organization in the world. When he retired in 1943, West was recognized throughout the country as the true architect of the Boy Scouts of America.



Scout Oath, Law, Motto, Slogan, and Outdoor Code

Boy Scout Oath or Promise

On my honor, I will do my best

To do my duty to God and my
country and to obey the Scout
Law;

To help other people at all times;

To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake and morally
straight.

Three promises of the Scout

Oath are :

Duty to God and country,

Duty to other people, and

Duty to self

Boy Scout Law

A Scout is:

- Trustworthy,
- Loyal,
- Helpful,
- Friendly,
- Courteous,
- Kind,
- Obedient,
- Cheerful,
- Thrifty,
- Brave,
- Clean,
- Reverent

Boy Scout Motto

- Be Prepared!

Boy Scout Slogan

- Do a Good Turn
Daily!

The Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do
my best to -

Be clean in my outdoor
manners

Be careful with fire

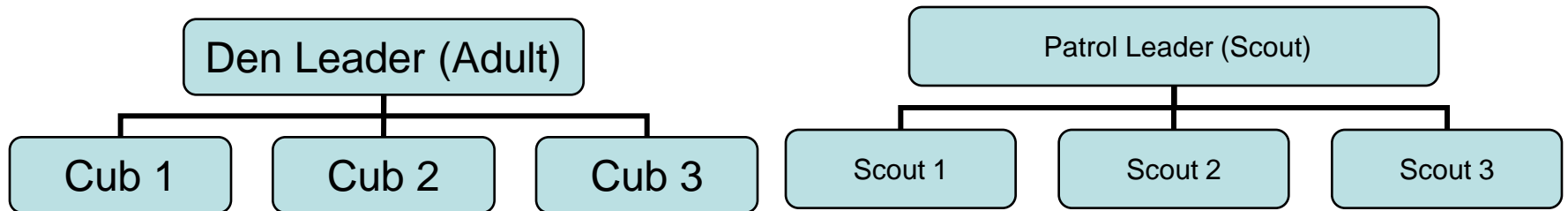
Be considerate in the
outdoors, and

Be conservation minded.

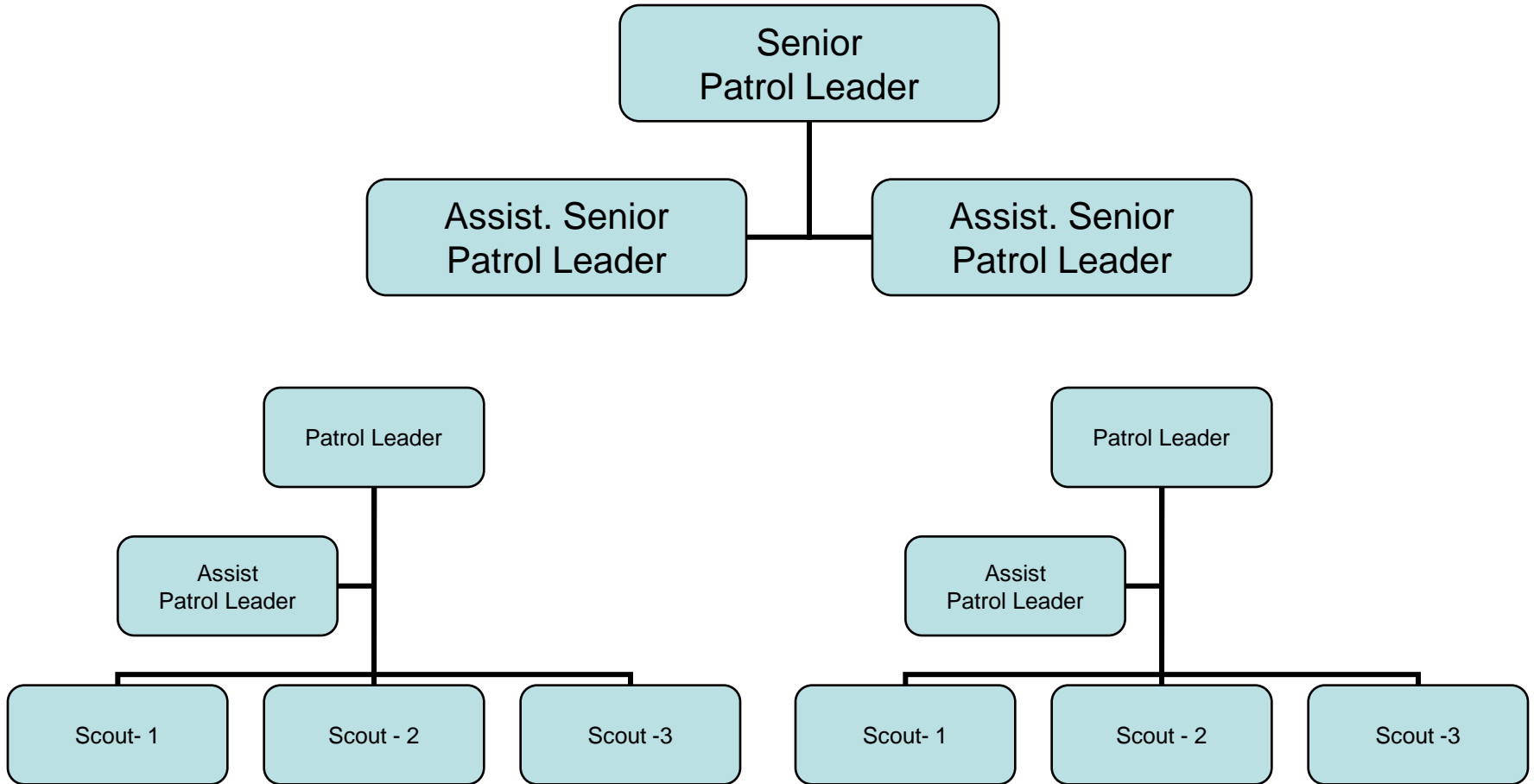
Cub Scout Den vs. Boy Scout Patrol

- Den
 - Adult Leader
 - Den Chief
 - Webelos Scouts
 - Activity Requirements

- Patrol
 - Boy Scout Leader
 - Assistant Boy Scout Leader
 - Boy Scouts
 - Merit Badges
 - Boy Scout Ranks



Boy Scout Troop





Scoutmaster

- Adult leader responsible for the troop.
- Works with, Trains and Guides the Scouts including the boy leaders.
- Meets regularly with the patrol leaders' council for training and coordination in planning troop activities.
- Conducts Scoutmaster conferences for all rank advancements.

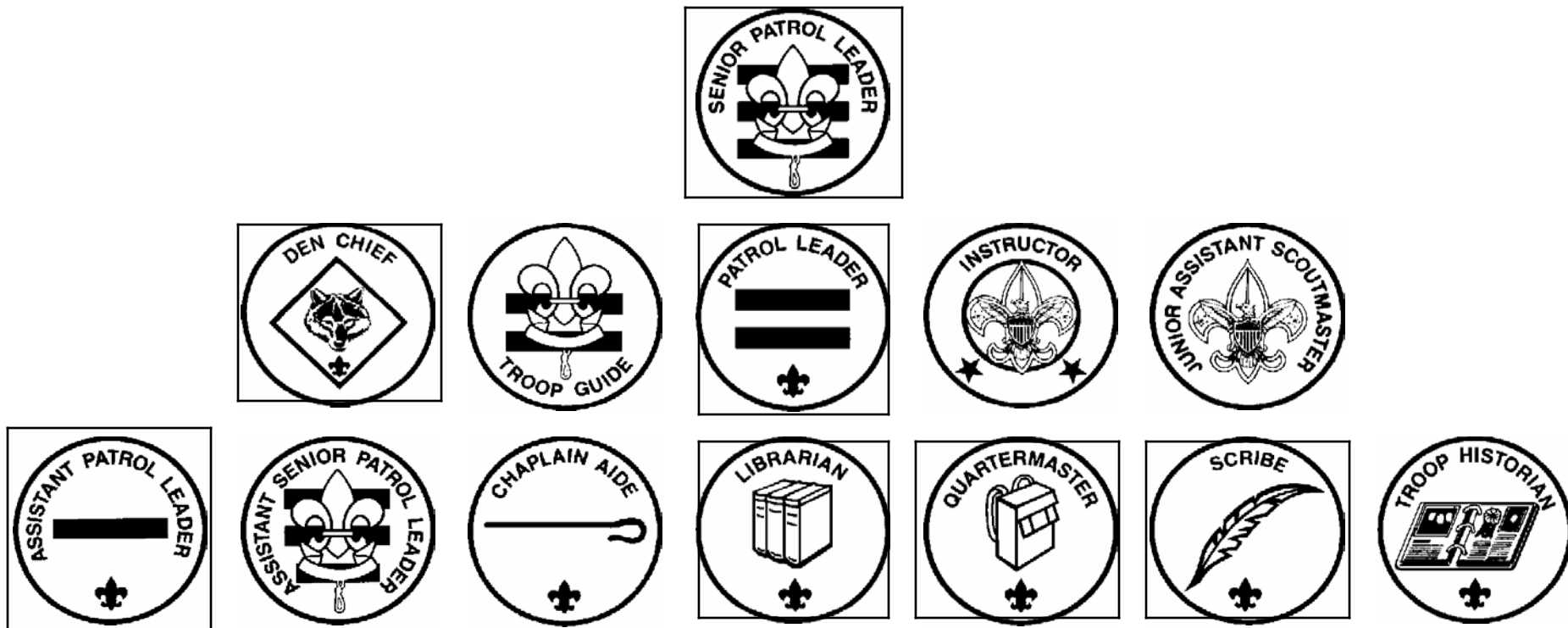


Assistant Scoutmaster

- Helps operate the troop.
- Provides the required two-deep leadership standards set by the Boy Scouts of America (there must be at least two adults present at any Boy Scout activity).
- Types of assistant Scoutmasters include:
 - Assistant Scoutmaster - New Scouts
 - Assistant Scoutmaster - Venture
 - Assistant Scoutmaster - Varsity

Boy Scout Patrol

- The Scout troop is made up of patrols.
- A patrol is a grouping of six to eight boys who work together.
- Each patrol elects its own boy leader, called a patrol leader.
- The **new Scout patrol** is composed of new members who have not entered the seventh grade.
- The **experienced Scout patrol** is for those boys who are age 12 and older.



Patrol Leaders' Council

The Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC)

- Is responsible for planning and conducting the troop's activities.
- Composed of the following voting members:
 - * senior patrol leader
 - * assistant senior patrol leader
 - * patrol leaders
 - * troop guide
- The troop's activities are selected & planned at the annual program planning conference and then submitted to the troop committee for approval.
- At its monthly meetings, the patrol leaders' council organizes and assigns activity responsibilities for the weekly troop meetings.
- The troop committee interacts with the patrol leaders' council through the Scoutmaster.



Troop Positions

SENIOR PATROL LEADER (SPL)

- Elected by the Scouts to represent them as the top junior leader in the troop.
- Runs all troop meetings, events, activities, PLC meeting, and the annual program planning conference.
- Appoints other troop junior leaders with the advice and counsel of the Scoutmaster, Assigns duties and responsibilities to junior leaders, Assists the Scoutmaster with Junior Leader Training.
- Sets the example by wearing his uniform correctly, by living the Scout Oath and Law in his everyday life. Show Scout Spirit in everything he says and does. By being an active Scout and being on-time for meetings and activities.



Troop Positions

ASSISTANT SENIOR PATROL LEADER (ASPL)

- Is the 2nd highest ranking patrol leader in the troop. Acts as the SPL in the absence of the SPL. Helps the SPL lead meetings and activities.
- Provides leadership to other junior leaders in the troop. Helps train and supervise the Troop Scribe, Quartermaster, Instructor, Librarian, Historian, and Chaplin Aide.
- Serves as a member of the Patrol Leader's Council.
- Sets the example by wearing his uniform correctly, by living the Scout Oath and Law in his everyday life. Show Scout Spirit in everything he says and does. By being an active Scout and being on-time for meetings and activities.



Troop Positions

PATROL LEADER (PL)

- Elected leader of his patrol. Represents his patrol on the Patrol Leader's Council. Appoints the Assistant Patrol Leader.
- Has most important job in the troop. Helps and guides scouts in patrol. Plans and steers patrol meetings. Keeps patrol members informed.
- Helps Scouts advance.
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Troop Positions

ASSISTANT PATROL LEADER (APL)

- Appointed by the Patrol Leader and leads the patrol in his absence.
- Actively helps run the patrol, plan & steer patrol meetings and activities, keep patrol members informed and get ready for all troop activities.
- Represents his patrol at Patrol Leader's Council meetings when the Patrol Leader cannot attend.
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Troop Positions

Librarian (L)

- The Troop Librarian takes care of troop literature.
- Keeps records of books and pamphlets owned by the troop. Keeps a system for checking books and pamphlets in and out.
- Sets the example by wearing his uniform correctly, by living the Scout Oath and Law in his everyday life. Show Scout Spirit in everything he says and does. By being an active Scout and being on-time for meetings and activities.



Troop Positions

TROOP QUARTERMASTER (QM)

- Keeps track of troop equipment and sees that it is in good working order.
- Issues equipment and makes sure it is returned in good condition.
- Responsible for US, Troop, Patrol flags for meetings and ceremonies.
- Sets the example by wearing his uniform correctly, by living the Scout Oath and Law in his everyday life. Show Scout Spirit in everything he says and does. By being an active Scout and being on-time for meetings and activities.



Troop Positions

TROOP SCRIBE (S)

- Keeps the troop records.
- Records the activities of the Patrol Leaders' Council.
- Works with the Troop Committee members responsible for records.
- Sets the example by wearing his uniform correctly, by living the Scout Oath and Law in his everyday life. Show Scout Spirit in everything he says and does. By being an active Scout and being on-time for meetings and activities.

Boy Scout Ranks



Scout



Tenderfoot



2nd Class



1st Class



Star



Life



Eagle

Activities

- Camping
 - Black River District Camporees, State Parks, Historical Parks
- Hiking
 - Valley Forge, Appl Trail, Jockey Hollow, Watkins Glen
- Boating
 - Delaware River, Local Lakes
- Service Projects
 - Church Clean-up, Scouting for Food, Fund Raising, Beaver Day
- Summer Camp
 - MASR
- Sports Events
 - Baseball, Basketball, Hockey
- Rock Climbing
- Skiing