



AMONG THE BOY SCOUTS— SENIOR SCOUTING

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ORGANIZATION

The complete Rover Scout organization and council will consist of the following six items though it may start simply with item number six alone:

- 1) *A Committee of the Local Council*
- 2) *Provision for District Counsel and service*
- 3) *The Committee in the sponsoring institution*
- 4) *The adult leaders and counselors.*
- 5) *The Rover Circle of Rover Scouts within the Group*
- 6) *The Senior Circle of Senior Scouts growing up through the Troop*

Senior Circle

Senior Scouts (Apprentice Rover Scouts) are organized in a Senior Circle. A Senior Circle is usually connected with and developed in a Troop as a special Patrol with the Scoutmaster or an Assistant Scoutmaster as Leader. Often the Senior Circle takes its start in the already established older boy body within the Troop, The Patrol Leaders Council.

Rover Circle

When at least 5 Senior Scouts have become eligible for full Rover Scout membership, a Rover Circle may be started in connection with the Troop or Group and the new Rover Scouts may be invested after the probationary period as Rover Squires. At this point, if not before, an adult Rovermaster must be secured to serve as leader of the Rover Circle, which then assumes its separate but related identity in the Group.

After the Rover Circle has been organized as such, the Senior Circle is continued as the organization for Senior Scouts (Apprentice Rover Scouts) into which First Class Scouts of the Troop, may continue to graduate at the age of 15 or later.

In some cases, it may be jointly agreed by the Rovermaster and Scoutmaster that this Senior Circle should be attached to the Rover Circle under its leadership, yet without interfering with the Senior Scout's membership and leadership affiliations in the Troop. Indeed service to and through the Troop (and the Pack and Ship if such there be) is one of the basic services rendered by Rovers.

Start of Independent Rover Circle

Where circumstances warrant, a Rover Circle may be started apart from any established Scout Troop, through application to the Local Council. The

sponsoring institution or body of citizens involved should form a Rover Committee which will supervise the Circle, secure and have trained satisfactory Rovermasters, and go forward in service to and through youth as is the customary procedure in the Boy Scouts of America. In such a situation, one of the early Quests of the New Rover Circle would be offering leadership to aid in starting "Troop" and "Pack" and "ship".

Common-Interest Teams

When the size of the Circle warrants, its members may desire to form small like-interest Teams to pursue some special field of knowledge or skill each under the leadership of a Rover Leader and a Rover Second.

LEADERSHIP

Rover Master

A Rovermaster is the adult leader of a registered Rover Circle. He shall:

- 1) Be at least 25 years of age.
- 2) Have a full appreciation of the principles and aims underlying Scouting.
- 3) Be a man of desirable character and leadership ability with an understanding of, and training in, the leadership involved in Rover Scouting.
- 4) Have a general knowledge of the social needs of his community and ability to find Service opportunities for his Rover Scouts.
- 5) Be acceptable to the membership of the Rover Circle concerned.

Assistant Rovermaster

An Assistant Rovermaster is a Rover Scout cooperating with the Rovermaster in the leadership of a Rover Circle.

The qualifications are the same as for Rovermaster except that his age shall be not less than 21 years.

Rover Leader

A Rover Leader is a Rover Scout elected by the members of a Rover Scout Team as their leader.

Rover Second

A Rover Second is a Rover Scout selected by the Rover Leader to be his assistant and to take charge of the Team in his absence.

PROGRAM FEATURES

The preceding pages have given a picture of Senior Scouting and Rovering from the angle of membership, organization and leadership. The program of

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and running through all these activities is the basic method that these young men shall plan and carry into effect their own programs with an interested leader who is not a commander but a companion. Scouting for these older boys and young men of course includes:

- 1) Meetings of various kinds
- 2) Advancement (in the Scouting sense)
- 3) Personal growth and progress
- 4) Quests for Service opportunities through Scouting as well as elsewhere
- 5) Adventures in Woodcraft
- 6) Rover Socials
- 7) Health and Recreation and Athletics
- 8) Association with own age and older
- 9) Leadership opportunities with younger fellows
- 10) Definite citizenship contacts in the community life
- 11) Rituals and Ceremonials
- 12) Common interest Teams pursuing skills or hobby fields
- 13) Application of Scouting ideals to life
- 14) Happiness, fun, enjoyment.