



The Patrol Leader's Real Power and Authority

A new patrol leader may think, at first, their position is one of great power and authority.

Truth be told patrol leaders do have great power and authority but it's not aimed at bossing people around or commanding their respect.

The patrol leader's real power is the example they set for their fellow Scouts. A patrol will follow this example - whether it is good or bad.

If they are prepared their patrol will be prepared.

If they are helpful and kind their patrol will be helpful and kind.

If they are positive and encouraging their patrol will be positive and encouraging.

If they are selfish and mean their patrol will be selfish and mean.

If they are indifferent their patrol will be indifferent.

Any good leader strives to do what they can to help others succeed.

Patrol leaders do this through the power and authority of their example. A patrol leader who understands this power will help his patrol succeed in anything they choose to do.