

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Bugler plays the bugle (or a similar instrument) to mark key moments during the day on troop outings, such as reveille and lights out. He must know the required bugle calls and should ideally have earned the Bugling merit badge.

INTRODUCTION: Upon accepting the position of Troop Bugler, you have agreed to provide a **service** to your Troop. The responsibility should be fun and rewarding. This job description will provide you with some of the things for which you are responsible while serving in this position. The Troop Bugler is appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader with the approval of the Scoutmaster. If you have any questions, difficulties or suggestions, bring them to the attention of the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader or an adult leader.

RESPONSIBLE TO: The Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL).

PREREQUISITES:

- Any Scout may hold this position.
- To be the Troop Bugler, you must have earned or be in the process of earning the Bugling Merit Badge.
- Completion of the Bugling Merit Badge is required in order to receive credit for this leadership position.

GENERAL DUTIES:

- Attend campouts and other scheduled Troop activities.
- Play appropriate bugle calls as required at these events.
- Offer your services at District, Council, or other Scouting events.
- Set a positive example for all other Scouts by following the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, and proudly wearing the correct uniform to all meetings and activities.

SPECIFIC DUTIES:

- Practice the bugling calls such as Assembly, Call to Quarters, Church, Mess, Drill, First Call, Officers, Fire, Recall, To the Colors, Retreat, Reveille, and Taps.
- Bring bugle to all outdoor Troop activities in preparation to perform calls that are required.
- Be aware of the background, history, and proper playing technique when using the bugle.

RESOURCES:

- *Music and Bugling* Merit Badge pamphlet.
- Boy Scout Handbook

AT THE END OF YOUR TENURE IN THIS POSITION:

- Make sure you read the *Lessons Learned Feedback Sheet* contained in this book and provide the Scoutmaster any comments you may have at least 2 weeks before the new elections.
- Plan to spend some time during the next Troop meeting with the Scout who was elected to replace you. We want you to review with him what you did during your tenure and what worked, didn't work, and could have been done better. Give him a good turnover to make sure there's a smooth transfer of duties from you to him.

To help you better understand your role within the Troop, here is the Organizational Chart that defines the relationships of all the leadership positions:

