

## PATROL MEMBERSHIP OPEN SEASON

One month before elections, which would be early-February and early-August, the Scoutmaster (SM) will announce a "Patrol Membership Open Season" that allow boys to change patrols if they want to. The open season will be closed before the next PLC that month. The procedures for the Scouts are as follows:

1. Pick at least 2 patrol choices
  - a. One choice can include staying in your existing patrol
  - b. Your choice may include a patrol that is currently full because there may be some openings due to movement out of the patrol. Also, some patrol will have some openings when some of the Scouts turn 18 later in the year. If a boy does not get into a patrol of choice, he may be wait-listed and asked later should a slot open up. The wait-list will be held in confidence by the SM.
2. You may include 1 additional friend that you've confirmed will move with you.
3. State the reason why you'd like to change. For example, if your current patrol has most of the Scout at 1<sup>st</sup> Class and above, you may want to change to have a better opportunity to become a Patrol Leader (being a PL makes an Eagle Board of Review much easier to pass). Or it may be due to some conflict in which case the SM needs to know who, so that he does not accidentally move both of you into another patrol. Or it may be due you just wanting a change or some other reason. **The reasons for the change will not be provided to the PLC, this will be held in confidence with the SM.**
4. Submit your request to the SM at [Scoutmaster@troop271.com](mailto:Scoutmaster@troop271.com)

Some guiding parameters that the SM and PLC will enforce:

- The Troop will not allow any existing patrols to get below 6 members and no patrol will be larger than 10 members, so changes will be on a first come first served basis.
- The PLC will make the final decisions on the changes.
- Please note that the idea here is to give the PLC some options. Remember, joining a patrol is a two way street. We want you and all of the Scouts to be happy.
- You need to be Tenderfoot to be in a regular patrol. Otherwise you are in the New Scout patrol.
- Boys already in a patrol, that don't want to leave, will not be bumped as part of this open season. There could be other reasons to change an existing patrol, but that will be handled as a separate event.