

A TROOP SELF-ASSESSMENT

This is a self-assessment exercise designed to help highlight areas of troop success and to discover areas open to improvement.

A troop that is succeeding should have a high score or should have numbers that continue to improve over time.

Share the self-assessment with other youth leaders at meetings of the patrol leaders' council, and use it to explore ways to make the troop better.

Keep the self-assessment forms with the troop log so that you can compare troop performance over time.

Scoring:

3 points if the statement is always true

2 points if the statement is sometimes true

1 point if the statement is seldom true

TROOP MEETINGS

1	2	3	Troop meetings are planned at the monthly patrol leader's council meeting.
1	2	3	The patrol leader's council uses the seven-part troop meeting plan.
1	2	3	Troop meetings are run by the senior patrol leader.
1	2	3	Troop meetings are fun and full of action.
1	2	3	Skills instruction is divided into three levels of experience.
1	2	3	Boys and adults wear appropriate uniform at all activities.

PATROL METHOD

1	2	3	The troop has both a new-Scout patrol and a Venture patrol.
1	2	3	Each patrol has a patrol name.
1	2	3	Each patrol has a patrol flag.
1	2	3	Each patrol has a patrol yell or song.
1	2	3	Each patrol has its symbol on its equipment.
1	2	3	Patrol members all have jobs.

CAMPING

1	2	3	When the troop is camping, Scouts pitch their tents in patrol campsites
1	2	3	Camping menus are planned and prepared by patrols.
1	2	3	The troop camps out at least 10 days and nights each year.
1	2	3	The troop attends a BSA-approved long-term camp.
1	2	3	The troop offers high-adventure opportunities for its older Scouts, often in the form of a Venture patrol.
1	2	3	All Scouts and adults are adequately trained in outdoor skills, including health and safety.

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ADVANCEMENT

1	2	3	New Scouts achieve the rank of First Class during their first year in the troop.
1	2	3	All Scouts advance at least one rank per year.
1	2	3	Boards of review and courts of honor are held regularly.
1	2	3	The troop helps Scouts find opportunities to earn merit badges required for advancement.

TRAINING

1	2	3	Newly elected youth leaders are given Introduction to Leadership training.
1	2	3	Troop junior leader training occurs at least once a year.
1	2	3	Members of the patrol leaders' council are encouraged to participate in the local council's junior leader training conference.
1	2	3	Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters are fully trained.
1	2	3	Troop committee has completed Troop Committee Challenge or its equivalent.

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

1	2	3	Members of the troop participate in at least 10 hours of service per year.
1	2	3	Scouts are encouraged to "do a Good Turn daily."

(This self-assessment form is from The Senior Patrol Leaders Handbook and is found on pages 63 and 64. As noted in the introduction and instructions, it should be used to help a troop improve and is not intended to be used as a fault finder or finger pointer. Use of the self-assessment over time will help a troop keep track of where it has been and where it is headed.

Note that a "perfect" score on this assessment is 87 points. An "A" grade of 90% is 78 points, a "B" grade of 80% is 70 points, a "C" grade of 70% is 61 points. Is a B grade good enough? Hopefully this troop self assessment can be used to help determine focus areas for improvement and will help prevent a troop from becoming complacent.)