

Boys' Life Patrol Flag Contest

The Patrol Flag

Take a good look at a successful patrol and what do you see? Its patrol flag—always honored, jealously guarded, properly cared for. It goes wherever the fellows go, on every hike, every camping trip. It flies from the top of the cliff they scaled, from the bow of the lead canoe. It's their emblem, their calling card.

Contest Overview

The 2005 National Scout Jamboree program will feature the *Boys' Life* Patrol Flag Contest. All jamboree patrols may enter. Each winning patrol flag (subcamp and region) will be presented a ribbon and each winning patrol member will receive a special patch. All judging will be from within the subcamps and regional areas. On Saturday, July 30, 2005, a recognition ceremony will be held in the *Boys' Life* exhibit area to honor the top three patrol flags from each region.

It is expected that every patrol will carry its patrol flag in a normal way throughout the entire jamboree. Subcamp patrol winners will receive a temporary patrol flag while the regional judging is being conducted.

To Enter the Contest

The patrol must construct its flag based on the jamboree patrol flag standards (see "Criteria for Judging") prior to the jamboree, transport it to the jamboree, and present it for troop judging on Wednesday, July 27, 2005.

After the start of judging on July 27, no alterations or additions may be made to patrol flags; only minor repair or maintenance of flags is permitted.

Procedure for Judging

✦ In the troop: July 27

The troop leaders (youth and adult) of each troop will select the winning entry from their troop on Wednesday, July 27, 2005. All winning troop flags must be delivered to the subcamp headquarters by 10 A.M., Thursday, July 28, 2005, for subcamp judging.

✦ In the subcamp: July 28

The subcamp activities director and his elected staff will administer the *Boys' Life* Patrol Flag Contest in each of the subcamps. Each subcamp will select three winning flags from their subcamp. Each winning patrol will be presented a

ribbon for the flag and each patrol member will receive a patch. Also, each patrol will receive a temporary patrol flag to carry while its winning flag is being judged at the regional level. The three winning subcamp flags are to be delivered to regional headquarters by 10 A.M., Friday, July 29, 2005.

✦ In the region: July 29

Three winning patrols will be chosen during the regional competition. Each winning patrol will be presented a ribbon for the flag, and each patrol member will receive a patch.

All regional winning flags and patrol members are asked to be present at the *Boys' Life* exhibit area, 9:30 A.M., Saturday, July 30, 2005. Official photographs will be taken of each winning patrol and their flag. A brief recognition ceremony will follow the photo session.

Criteria for Judging

There are 100 total points in the *Boys' Life* Patrol Flag Contest. Please review the criteria very carefully. Judging standards and their consistency are important to the success of the contest and will ensure fairness in all levels of the patrol flag contest. Scoring is on specific achievements, not on general categories.

Originality	
Jamboree theme depicted	20 points
Design	15 points
Creativity—uniqueness of flag	15 points
Identity	
Patrol/council identification	10 points
Jamboree troop identification	10 points
Patrol member identification	5 points
Workmanship	
Flag construction—boy-made	10 points
Suitability of height and shape	10 points
Mobility and use by patrol	5 points
TOTAL	100 points

Originality. The flag should depict a theme or idea related to the geographic area of the country from which it originated and to the patrol name on the flag. It should also depict or incorporate the 2005 National Scout Jamboree theme, "On My Honor . . . Timeless Values."

Identity. The patrol must be properly identified with a printed or designed name. (For example, for the Road Runner patrol, the flag would have a road runner bird design.)

The patrol members' names or initials or signatures should be integrated into the design of the flag. Eight small devices could be attached to the flag with each member's name printed on a device. Make it unique and different. The jamboree troop number and council identification number must be on the patrol flag. This is necessary for judging and will help youth from different areas of the country to meet one another.

Workmanship. The flag should demonstrate workmanship and initiative in its construction and design. No commercially made flags will be considered for judging. Flags should be boy-made and all members should have had a part in their construction and design.

The construction should be uniform. Use of color and material that represent the patrol name and area or locale are encouraged. The construction should be in harmony with the theme, and the flagstaff compatible with the size and shape of the flag itself. Above all, the workmanship of the patrol flag should reflect that the youth were involved in its construction.

The patrol flag's size and shape should be such that the flag is pleasing to display and is easily carried.

Each patrol is encouraged to carry its patrol flag throughout the jamboree and in the troop site. The patrol flag should always be displayed near the patrol area.

The flag should be mobile and not too cumbersome to handle and carry around with the patrol at the jamboree.