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THE ROLE OF THE CHAPLAIN AIDE

Reports To

The Chaplain Aide functions under the supervision and mentorship of the Troop Chaplain.

Role Overview

The Chaplain Aide, along with the Assistant Chaplain, serves the local troop by providing the Troop Chaplain a Trailman's perspective in planning spiritual emphasis activities. The Chaplain Aide is a mentorship program providing "hands on" ministry training under the guidance of the Troop Chaplain with the intent of being experientially qualified to serve as an Assistant Chaplain upon attaining 2nd year Navigator or above status. The Chaplain Aide serves as the Troop Chaplain's "force multiplier," expanding the Troop Chaplain's sphere of influence and pastoral presence within the local troop, especially with younger members of the Woodland Trails patrols.

Responsibilities and Duties

1. Along with the Assistant Chaplain, observes and assists in the preparation of and participates in spiritual emphasis/spiritual formation components of troop life under the direction of the Troop Chaplain.
2. Provides a "Trailman's perspective" to the Chaplain in development of spiritual formation initiatives, Worthy Life instruction, especially in terms of programming for Woodland Trails activities.
3. In conjunction with the Assistant Chaplain, advises the Troop Chaplain regarding observed areas of spiritual concern or recommended focus.
4. Supports, promotes and communicates the availability of the ministry services of the Troop Chaplain to Trailmen as opportunities arise, especially among age level peers and younger. Assists with the logistics of troop level spiritual emphasis activities.
5. In conjunction with the Troop Chaplain, receives mentorship and training from the Assistant Chaplain.
6. When required/requested, provides the Troop Leadership Council perspective, input and feedback on development, implementation and effectiveness of spiritual emphasis initiatives.

Qualifications

1. Based upon input from Woodland Trails Leadership, must be nominated by the Troop Chaplain and approved by the Troop Leadership Board.
2. At a minimum, must have completed his second year as a Trail Life Mountain Lion.
3. Must demonstrate and articulate a personal commitment (at an age-appropriate level) to Christ and have a level of spiritual sensitivity/awareness beyond his age level peers, as recognized by the Troop Chaplain and the Leadership Board, to fulfill Aide.

4. As an example to the troop, the Chaplain Aide must be an active member in good standing of a local church.
5. Preferred: Obtained or currently working on one or more Worth Life awards.