

Patrol Leader Cording Ceremony

Formation:

Girls stand in a "horseshoe" formation

Leader explains that a horseshoe formation is used because it represents the idea that Girl Scouts is open to all girls and there is always room for another.

Ceremony:

LEADER: Patrol Leaders please step forward. A patrol leader is chosen for her strong character, citizenship, and willingness to serve and be a good leader.

A patrol leader must be of the highest quality of character.

A patrol leader must be a good citizen; be ready to stand up to her beliefs and set an example for her patrol to follow.

A patrol leader stands ready to perform any service or duty asked of her by her leaders, her patrol, and her community.

Are you willing and ready to do your best and live up to your Patrol's trust?

PATROL LEADERS: We are

LEADER: Patrol members, are you willing and ready to do your best to be loyal and helpful to your patrol leader?

PATROL MEMBERS: We are.

LEADER: The patrol leader wears a cord on her left shoulder as a sign of her office. This cord has 2 golden circles representing the 2 groups of people the patrol leader serves -- her patrol and the whole troop. This cord is loaned to a patrol leader as a sign of our trust in her. She returns it to the troop when she finishes her service.

The cord is pinned by an assistant leader, the assistant patrol leader, patrol member, or parent.

The patrol leader gives the Girl Scout handshake to person cording her.

The person cording the patrol leader says, "Wear your cord with pride!" as she shakes hands.