



## TROOP 28 Glencoe Illinois Patrol Naming Guidelines

For Scouts BSA patrols, a name unites new and old friends. What's more, it gives Scouts a chance to express their originality.

As one experienced patrol leader wrote, *"It's worth spending effort on, because the Patrol name is the biggest thing that identifies your Patrol.* A true Scout Patrol has an identity – a life of its own! Your Patrol name has got to reflect that. Remember, you're building something that will hopefully last for many years to come."

### Tips for picking a patrol name and patch:

- **Consider something that unites the patrol:** Maybe the patrol with a bunch of strong swimmers calls themselves the Sharks. The guys into scary movies could be the Zombies or Vampires. And those Scouts with a seemingly endless supply of snacks could become the Corn Chips patrol, Rice patrol or Spicy Taco patrol.
- **Add an adjective to a "standard" patrol name:** Add a dash of spice to those names by including an adjective before the standard name. Are the Gummy Bears nuclear, radioactive, or neon? Use alliteration to help make the new names really soar. Instead of the Dragons, why not the Daring Dragons? The Scorpions could add Stupefying to their name. And the Owls? Well they're simply Outstanding.
- **Use available patrol patches as inspiration:** Class B Trading Post stocks hundreds of patrol patches. These patches can be visual inspiration for one-of-a-kind patrol names. Just remember: scouts don't have to stick to the patch's item name. For instance, if your patrol picks the "Phoenix patrol emblem," they can still choose a name like the "Funky Fire Phoenix Patrol."
- **Pick a name that you will wear with pride for the foreseeable future:** Fortnite and Clash Royale may be really popular right now, but how many scouts are still excited to wear their Creeper patrol patches?
- **Custom is possible:** If you don't see something your patrol desperately wants (e.g., do you want to be the Egyptian Rat Screws?), we can have a custom patch made. However, custom patches cost \$6.99 per patch instead of \$2.99. So to order custom patches, a) the patrol name must be the unanimous first choice for everyone present at the voting session, and b) all members of the patrol must commit to doing an additional hour of service in exchange for the additional cost.
- **Be scouting-appropriate:** Avoid patch graphics or names that could be offensive or political (e.g., border patrol, guns) or misinterpreted (a wall). Keep in mind: what is funny in Glencoe might not be so funny in Chicago, Waukegan, Indiana, or West Virginia.
- **Be creative and HAVE FUN!**