



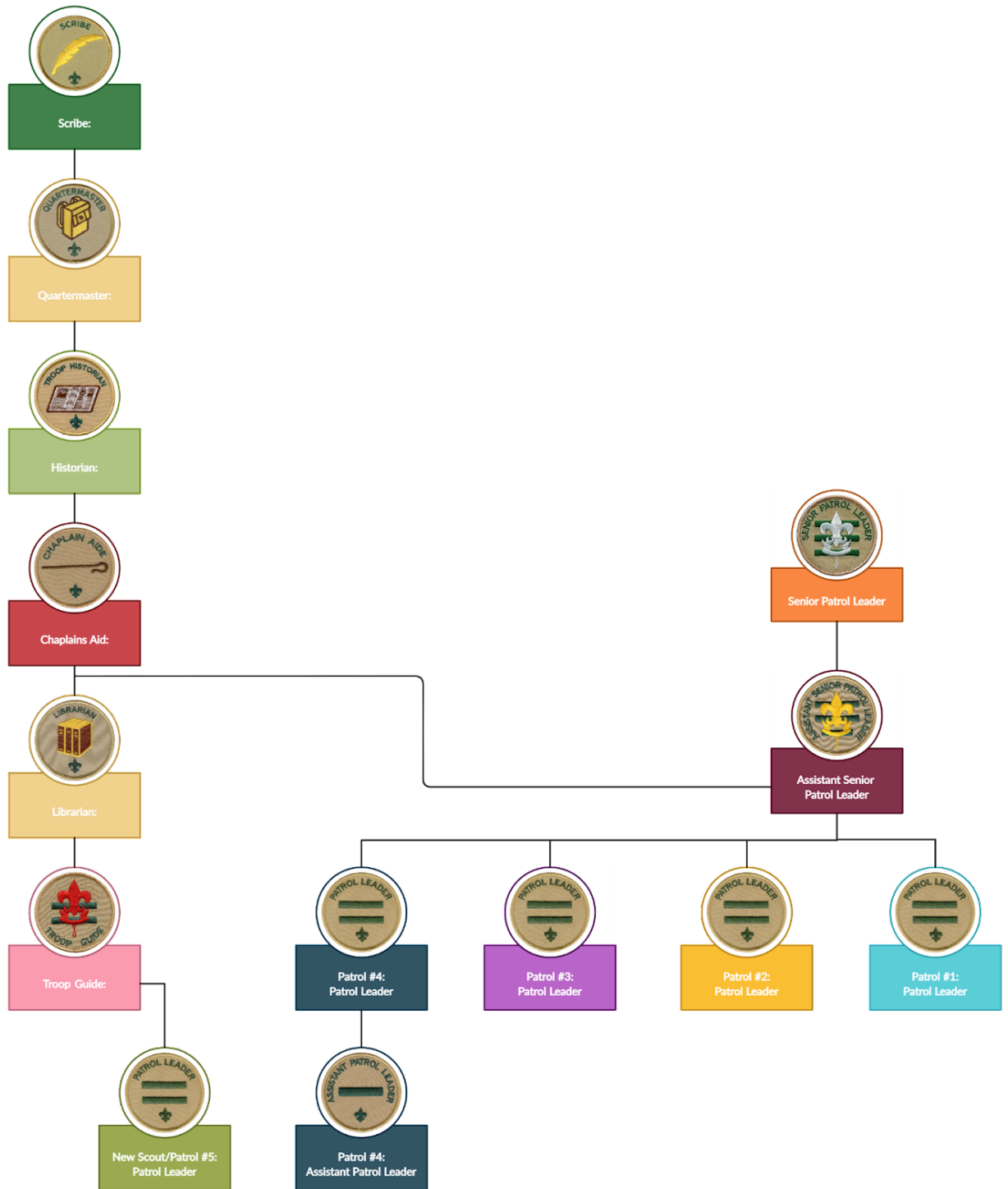
Scouting America *Troop 81:* Chaplain's Aide Handbook

Duties: The Chaplain's Aide works in serving the troop's religious needs. They lead the troop in opening or closing prayer and mealtime blessings. The Chaplain's Aide ensures that religious holidays are considered during the troop's program planning process and promotes Scouting America's religious emblems program.

Chain of Command: The Chaplains Aide works as a member of their patrol, and reports to their Patrol Leader. However, in their capacity as Chaplains Aide they will report to the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and work very closely with the troop's Adult Chaplain.

Responsibilities:

- **Assist the Troop Chaplain with Religious Services at Troop Activities.**
- **Encourage Troop Members to Strengthen their Relationships with religion through personal prayer, devotion, and participation in religious activities appropriate to their faith.**
- **Tell Scouts about the Religious Emblems program for their faith at least once a year:** You can choose to lead a short presentation, with optional attendance, about the Religious Emblems program.
- **Help recognize troop members who receive their religious emblems, such as at a court of honor:** Award the religious emblem to the scout who earned the emblem.
- **Ensure religious holidays are considered during the troop program planning process:** Ensure that the PLC is aware and cognisant of religious holidays when planning meetings and activities.
- **Help plan for religious observance in troop activities:** Plan and pray prayers at court of honor and encourage the addition or attendance of “Scouts Own” services at camp.
- **Encourage saying Grace at meals while camping or at other activities.**



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8/27/2024 Riley Ramey: clarified the duties of Chaplains Aid, minor grammatical fixes, replaced BSA with Scouting America, and removed gender specific pronouns.

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