

# Canadian Path Roles on MyScouts.ca

## FAQ

### 1. Why have some role names changed on MyScouts.ca?

Some role names have been changed on MyScouts.ca to better reflect the terminology and principles of The Canadian Path, Scouts Canada's revitalized youth program.

Most importantly, the term "Leader" is now formally a title for youth, because youth participants are the leaders of the Canadian Path program. Adult Volunteers who facilitate the youth program are known as Scouters.

This change helps youth to see themselves as the leaders of their Section. Scouting is a leadership-development program, and we all need to do the best we can to create an atmosphere where youth can develop the skills they need to be better prepared for success in the world.

### 2. Why has the title of "Advisor" been changed?

While the title "Advisor" is a good fit for the role of adult Volunteers supporting Venturer Companies and Rover Crews, it has been changed to "Scouter" simply to be consistent with other Sections.

### 3. Why have the roles for Keo and Kim disappeared?

Youth from Packs and Troops are still encouraged to volunteer with Beaver Colonies and Cub Packs. When volunteering with a younger Section, Cub Scouts and Scouts\* shouldn't be registered as a Scouter/Volunteer, but should be regarded as part of that Section's Scouter team; they do not require any screening in order to volunteer, but their role should be explained to the youth in the Section in which they're helping. A youth who volunteers with a younger Section should be registered in MyScouts.ca as a participant in the Section that reflects his or her age. For example, a twelve-year-old who volunteers with a Cub Pack would formerly have been registered in MyScouts.ca as a Kim; this youth should now be registered simply as a Scout.

Youth from Packs and Troops should be encouraged to take turns volunteering with younger Sections so that they all have a chance to develop their leadership skills.

\*Youth who are between 14 and 17 years of age (i.e. 4th-year Scouts and Venturer Scouts) should be regarded as part of that Section's Scouter team and registered as a Scouter for the Section with which they are volunteering. They must complete all screening steps (except their Police Record Check or Vulnerable Sector Screening until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday) and count for youth:Scouter ratio once their WBI is complete.

### 4. Why have the roles for Venturer Secretary and Venturer Treasurer disappeared?

To eliminate any confusion over youth roles on the Section Leadership Team and the role of Company Scouters, Venturer Scout is now the only role name available to youth aged fifteen to seventeen.

### 5. Why has the role of Assistant Patrol Leader disappeared?

To eliminate any confusion over youth roles on the Section Leadership Team and the role of Troop Scouters, Scout is now the only role name available to youth aged eleven to fourteen.

### 6. What impact will role name changes have on personal histories on MyScouts.ca?

Past roles will still be identified by their previous names on personal histories on MyScouts.ca. For example, a long-serving Colony Scouter's MyScouts.ca history will still list past years of service with "Beaver Leader" as the role name.

### 7. Will every role previously available still be available in some form (even though some may have new names)?

No, some previously available roles have been discontinued. No new roles have been added. There are now fewer roles listed on MyScouts.ca.

### 8. What role names have been discontinued?

The role of **Activity Leader Colony** has been transitioned to the role of **Colony Scouter** (Colony Scouters were previously listed on MyScouts.ca as Beaver Leaders).

The roles of **Activity Leader Pack**, **Contact ScoutsAbout Leader** and **ScoutsAbout Leader** have been transitioned to the role of **Pack Scouter** (Pack Scouters were previously listed on MyScouts.ca as Assistant Cub Leaders).

The role of **Extreme Adventure Leader** has been transitioned to the role of **Troop Scouter**.

The role of **Rover Mate** has been transitioned to the role of **Rover Scout**.

The roles of **President/Chair**, **Past President/Chair** and **Vice-President/Chair** have been transitioned to the role of **Committee Member**.

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Group and Section youth role names (other than Beaver Scout, Cub Scout, Scout, Venturer Scout and Rover Scout) have been discontinued.

### 9. How should Venturer-aged youth (formerly Activity Leaders and Scouters-in-Training) be registered when they are volunteering with a Section?

When Venturer-aged youth are volunteering with a younger Section, these youth should be regarded as part of that Section's Scouter team and registered as a Scouter for the Section with which they are volunteering. They must complete all screening steps (except their Police Record Check or Vulnerable Sector Screening until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday). They can count toward youth:Scouter ratio once their Wood Badge I has been completed. A Venturer-aged youth should also be registered as a Venturer Scout if he or she is participating in Venturer Scout program.

### 10. What roles have new names on MyScouts.ca?

- The roles of **Beaver Leader** and **Scouter in Training Colony** are now both known as **Colony Scouter**.
- The role of **Contact Beaver Leader** is now known as **Contact Colony Scouter**.
- The roles of **Assistant Cub Leader** and **Scouter in Training Pack** are now both known as **Pack Scouter**.
- The role of **Cub Leader** is now known as **Contact Pack Scouter** (typically "Akela", outside of MyScouts.ca).
- The role of **Troop Scouter** is now known as **Contact Troop Scouter**.
- The role of **Assistant Venturer Advisor** is now known as **Company Scouter**.
- The role of **Venturer Advisor** is now known as **Contact Company Scouter**.
- The role of **Assistant Rover Advisor** is now known as **Crew Scouter**.
- The role of **Rover Advisor** is now known as **Contact Crew Scouter**.
- The roles of **Service Scouter**, **Service Team Leader** and **Training Team Leader** are now all known as **Support Scouter**.

- The role of **Council Recognition Administrator** is now known as **Recognition Administrator**.
- The role of **Council Training Administrator** is now known as **Training Administrator**.

### 11. What is a Contact Scouter?

A Contact Scouter (such as a Contact Colony Scouter or Contact Pack Scouter) is just what the name suggests: the member of a Section Scouter team responsible for communication, especially with parents, the Group and with other Sections within the Area. A team of Section Scouters should work together as peers; the Section's Contact Scouter is not necessarily the leader of a Scouter team.

In Scouts, Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts, the Section Leader (a youth) should be the Section's main point of contact, but the Section's Contact Scouter should be apprised of the Section Leader's communications regarding the Section. The Section Contact Scouter must remember the Two-Scouter Rule when communicating with youth, including online and phone communications.

### 12. Why have the role names for Service Scouter, Service Team Leader and Training Team Leader all changed to Support Scouter?

For years, Section Scouters have been providing feedback through the Volunteer Satisfaction and New Scouter surveys that they'd like a more holistic approach to the support they receive. New Scouters find it difficult to get the support they need to be effective because they are pointed to a variety of other Scouters for their support. A new Section Scouter would prefer a mentor who can provide all of the support and guidance needed.

This holistic approach has been developed and promoted as part of the Volunteer Support Strategy introduced in 2011. With the shift to online learning, the importance of in-person support has increased. Having a single role name for all those Scouters with exceptional training and experience makes it easier for Section Scouters to find a mentor.