

What is the ASM?

The Australian Scout Medallion has 3 components.

1. The Green Cord
2. The Leadership Course
3. The Leadership Activity

The Green Cord

Scouts will be progressively working through their requirements independently of the other parts of the medallion. On completion, the presentation of the award is approved by the Troop Council. Requirements are set out in the Green Book. The requirements for the Hike are set out in a Branch document.

The Leadership Course

The Leadership Course consists of the actual course. This is ideally run at District level but may also be done with one or more groups or by combined Districts. Leaders should refer to the Victorian Branch Leadership Course manual.

Leadership Activity

In the normal course of event a good Patrol Leader is demonstrating they are a good leader. For example a Patrol Leader may lead a Patrol satisfactorily in a major camp (e.g. Stradbroke or Jamboree), carry out a successful Patrol Camp, hike or other major activity (e.g. Cohen. PA Camp, etc), participate in a Youth Forum, NYC the Troop Council as an office holder and so on. These are not requirement but indicators of the sorts of things that is entailed in leadership i.e. organization, communication, planning, enthusing people, carrying out and completing a task, problem solving, consideration, and facilitation of a team and so on.

The Troop Council should evaluate the various aspects of a Scout's leadership before approving the award of the ASM and, if necessary require additional time for the applicant to perform in a role or organize an activity.

Special consideration should be given by the Troop Council to applicants who are not Patrol Leaders to ensure that they have the opportunity to complete this component.

The leadership activity is not tied to the completion of a leadership course. Completing such a course however may be a place for a Scout to think about how they will, or presently do carry out their leadership role within the Troop.

Overall

The Troop Council is in the best position to make these sorts of decisions and on no account should that role be taken over by adults, particularly outside the Troop. The role of the Scout Leader is to facilitate the process and train the TC so that they can competently and routinely do these things.