

Webster's Online Dictionary defines **Provisional** as:

Main Entry: **pro·vi·sion·al** | Pronunciation: \prə-ˈvɪzən-əl, -ˈvi-zhən-əl\ Function: *adjective* Date: 1601

: serving for the time being : [temporary](#) <a provisional [government](#)>

In the case of a Provisional Troop in Science Camp, the scouts are grouped in troops in separate campsites. We attempt to keep members of a same home troop together, but there are usually only small groups of scouts from the same home troop (4 or less). The troops are then grouped into patrols. The troop and patrols then elect leaders from the scouts so there is opportunity for leadership at camp.