What is a Scout Patrol? **Here are some ideas::::**

(collected by a Scouter on the web…. )

Here is what it is.  
"Patrols are small groups of Scouts  [nb "**Scouts**"] who camp together, cook together, play together, and learn together. Patrols are where Scouts learn citizenship at the most basic level. They also take on responsibilities within the patrol, and learn teamwork and leadership."  BSA July 29, 2018.

"For a Troop to be successful in Scouting, the boys must live, move and have their being, in the Patrol."    B.S.A., *The Patrol Method* (1938 ed.) at p 2

“[T]he Patrol must have a genuine life  apart from the Troop.”  John Thurman.  Camp Chief, Gilwell Park, 1943-1969.  Bronze Wolf (World Organization of the Scouting Movement) and Silver Buffalo (Boy Scouts of America

“[The patrol members] interact in a small group **outside the larger troop context**, working together as a team and sharingthe responsibility of making their patrol a success.”B.S.A., Scouting.org (2018)[emphasis added]

**“ Scouting happens in the context of a patrol.”**B.S.A., *Scoutmaster Position Specific Training*  syllabus (2018)

“Patrols will **sometimes** join with other patrols to learn skills and complete advancement requirements.”     B.S.A., Scouting.org  (2018)[emphasis added]

“Your Boy Scout troop is made up of patrols [nb "patrols, not Scouts], with each patrol’s members sharing responsibility for the patrol’s success.”  B.S.A., *The Boy Scout Handbook*, 13th [current] edition at p. 25"

 "As a physical aid to help us remember the separateness of patrols, the patrols should camp 50-100 yards apart if at all possible – and apart from all adults."   Baden-Powell, *BP Outlook* , “The Object of Camping” (October, 1909)

“[T]he essential thing is that there should be small permanent groups, each under the responsible control of a leading boy . . . .”  Hillcourt, William,  *The Patrol Method* , B.S.A. (1930)