



District Committee Youth Protection Champion Position Description

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Structural:

- A registered BSA volunteer position; a member of the assigned district committee
- Appointed by the district chairman in conjunction with the district executive and the council Youth Protection chair
- Appointed for a one-year term, extendable as required/desired (target no more than three years)
- In conjunction with an assigned council professional advisor, is responsible to the district chairman for support and oversight of the administration and delivery of the Youth Protection program of the BSA to the council through the district and unit organizations
- Serves on the council's Youth Protection committee
- Subject to oversight by the district committee and officers

Desired qualifications:

- A Youth Protection-oriented volunteer (Scouting background is desirable) with specific expertise in one or more of the following fields: social services, law enforcement, criminal or civil justice, (e.g., prosecution, judicial, academia), prevention, investigation, intervention, advocacy, policy, sex offender treatment, child abuse therapy, children's advocacy center, victim advocates (with direct supervised experience in the criminal justice system), or forensic interviewing (Note: Will need to provide curriculum vitae or résumé and a bio)
- Preferred background in child abuse and maltreatment, with knowledge of youth victimization

Specific duties and responsibilities:

- As the district representative, this person serves on and supports all actions of the council Youth Protection committee.
- Assist in developing and be willing to deliver Youth Protection training programs—or programs related to the subject-matter expert's background and expertise—and other documents identified by the national Youth Protection director and council committee.
- Assist in the development of council and district plans to increase the implementation, training, and focus on Youth Protection.
- Supply written materials as needed for use in council communication vehicles (paper and digital).
- Participate in a Youth Protection review of BSA programming and enforce safe Youth Protection practices.
- Conduct an assessment of the district and council's compliance with the BSA's national Youth Protection policy.
- Depending on the size of the specific council and district, specific duties will be similar to, and in direct support of, the duties of the council Youth Protection champion/chair.

