



Youth Protection Champion/Member of Unit Committee Position Description

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Structural:

- A registered BSA volunteer position; a member of the unit committee
- Appointed by the unit committee chair in conjunction with the unit leader and chartered organization leader
- Appointed for a one-year term, extendable as required/desired
- Is responsible for administration and delivery of the Youth Protection program of the BSA to the unit, utilizing all available support venues and tools
- Subject to oversight of the unit committee and chartered organization

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 advocacy (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:

- Assist in delivering and promoting participation in 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 increasing an awareness, education, and focus on Youth Protection in both the unit and the chartered organization.
- Disseminate written materials to the unit membership on Youth Protection matters.
- Participate in a Youth Protection review of BSA programming, provide feedback and suggestions to the district committee Youth Protection member and council Youth Protection chair, and focus on safe Youth Protection practices.
- Develop and monitor the unit’s strategy for delivering the BSA’s Youth Protection training to 100 percent of its volunteer leaders, and its parents in accordance with BSA registration requirements.
- If required or desired, assist unit leaders and parents in attending leader-led, facilitated Youth Protection training through the council training group.
- Identify and resolve any impediments to volunteers and parents taking Youth Protection training.
- Ensure all unit activities are consistent with BSA Youth Protection policies and procedures.
- Identify and report any gaps in the Youth Protection program to the unit committee chairman.





- Facilitate the onboarding of new members, parents, volunteers, and leaders by ensuring more-than-adequate leader or facilitated Youth Protection training is made available at the unit level.
- Provide feedback to the district executive or designee and the district committee on the effectiveness of the Youth Protection training strategy.
- Spearhead the unit's Youth Protection Month observance.
- Market/promote the use of BSA age-appropriate training for youth members and families in the unit.
- Review unit activities and programs for Youth Protection promotional opportunities.
- Understand the council's after-hours notification process and how it works.

