



Area Committee Youth Protection Champion Position Description

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Structural:

- A registered volunteer position; a member of the area committee
- Appointed by the area president in conjunction with the area director and the region Youth Protection champion
- Appointed for a one-year term, extendable as required/desired (target no more than three years)
- In conjunction with an assigned area or national professional advisor, is responsible to the area president for support and oversight of the administration and delivery of the Youth Protection program of the BSA to the area through the council and unit organizations
- Subject to oversight by the area committee and officers
- Carries a corresponding reporting link to the region Youth Protection champion, who may require periodic meetings (in person or by telephone) to address specific new and/or ongoing training topics and issues, and/or to determine the status of ongoing programs

Desired qualifications:

- Extensive Scouting background, with knowledge of and contacts within area boundaries
- A Youth Protection-oriented volunteer 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
- Preferred to have an understanding of and/or background in child abuse and maltreatment, with knowledge of youth victimization

Specific duties and responsibilities:

- Be the focal point and key driver of Youth Protection throughout the area.
- Assist in recruiting council Youth Protection leadership, and support Youth Protection training and strategy development actions focused at the council, district, and unit levels.
- Report to the area president and, in so doing, act as one of the principal advisors on all matters relating to Youth Protection and any pertinent Youth Protection initiatives, plans, programs, policies, communications, or actions that affect the BSA.
- Keep the region Youth Protection representative and assigned professional advisor informed of key actions within the area in regard to Youth Protection issues.
- Ensure appropriate support is provided to councils, including plans, programs, communications, or actions that will support Scouting's overall Youth Protection program.
- Prepare an annual report for submission to the area committee on the status of Youth Protection programs in the area, and any future strategic plans.

