



## Regional Youth Protection Champion Position Description

March 20, 2013

### Structural:

- A registered volunteer position; a member of the regional executive committee
- Appointed by the regional president in conjunction with the regional director and the nominating committee
- Appointed for a one-year term, extendable as required/desired (target no more than three years)
- In conjunction with an assigned regional or national professional advisor, is responsible to the regional president for support and oversight of the administration and delivery of the Youth Protection program of the BSA to the region through the area and council organizations
- Subject to oversight by the regional executive board and officers
- Carries a corresponding position on the National Youth Protection Committee as at-large regional representative to that committee. As an at-large member of a national committee, has a strong commitment to attend all scheduled or prescribed meetings (normally three times a year)

### Desired qualifications:

- Extensive Scouting background, with knowledge of and contacts within the region's geographical area
- 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 region.
- Assist in recruiting area Youth Protection leadership, and support Youth Protection training and strategy development actions focused at the region, area, and council levels.
- Report to the regional 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 National Youth Protection Committee and the BSA's Youth Protection director informed of key issues within the region in regard to Youth Protection issues.
- Ensure area teams are providing appropriate support to councils, including plans, programs, communications, or actions that will support Scouting's overall Youth Protection program throughout Scouting.
- Prepare an annual report for submission to the regional executive board on the status of Youth Protection compliance in the region, and any future strategic plans.

