



**Youth Protection Champion/Member of Unit Committee
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Structural:

- A registered BSA volunteer position; a member of the specific Unit Committee;
- Appointed by Committee Chair, in conjunction with the Unit leader & 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; and
- Position is 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, (i.e. prosecutors, 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 interviewer; and
- Preferred background in child abuse and maltreatment, with knowledge of youth victimization.

Specific Duties:

- Assist in delivering and promoting participation in Youth Protection training programs – or related programs to subject matter expert background and expertise – and other documents identified by 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 as needed for use in I communication vehicles (paper and digital) of Youth Protection matters to the unit membership, and
- 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, and

Specific Duties:

- Develop and monitor the unit's strategy for delivering the BSA's youth protection training to 100% of its volunteer leaders, and 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 & procedures,
- Identify and report any gaps in Youth Protection program to the unit Committee Chairman,

- Facilitate on-boarding 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 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-level appropriate training for youth members and families in the units,
- Review unit activities and programs for youth protection promotional opportunities, and
- Understand the council's after-hours notification process, and how it works.

Youth Protection Mission Statement

True youth protection can only be achieved through the focused commitment of everyone in Scouting. It is the mission of Youth Protection volunteers and professionals to work within the Boy Scouts of America to maintain a culture of youth protection awareness and safety at the national, regional, area, council, district, and unit levels.