



**National Youth Protection Committee Chair  
DRAFT Job Description**

1 October 2012 (Rev 3)

**Structural:**

- A registered volunteer position; a member of the National Executive Committee;
- Appointed by the National President, in conjunction with the Chief Scout Executive, and the Nominating Committee;
- Appointed for a one year term, extendable as required/desired (target no more than 3 years);
- In conjunction with the Youth Protection Director, is responsible to the Vice President-Administration for support and oversight of the administration and delivery of the youth protection program of the BSA to the field through the National Council Operations and Regional organizations; and
- Position is subject to oversight by the National Executive Board and officers of the corporation and reports to the Vice President – Administration.

**Desired Qualifications:**

- Extensive Scouting background, with knowledge of, and contacts throughout, full organization;
- A youth protection-oriented volunteer 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 to have an understanding of, and/or background in, child abuse and maltreatment, with knowledge of youth victimization.

**Specific Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Recruit members for and give leadership to the National Youth Protection Committee;
- Report to the Vice President – Administration, 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 Officers and Executive Board informed through the Vice President-Administration of key issues within the youth protection field, to include plans, programs, communications, or actions that affect the BSA in the marketplace that need to be addressed in supporting Scouting’s overall youth protection program throughout the nation;
- Appoint to the Committee, as members or advisors, those specialists who would use their expertise to achieve the youth protection mission of this committee and of the BSA;
- Preside at meetings of the Committee; appoint ad hoc task forces and individuals to serve on same as desired to achieve the mission of the committee or as requested by the officers of the corporation; and
- Prepare an annual report for submission to the Executive Board on the status of Youth Protection programs, compliance at the national, regional, area and council levels, and future strategic plans.

**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.



**Regional Youth Protection Champion  
DRAFT Job Description**

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**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 3 years);
- In conjunction with an assigned Region or National professional advisor, is responsible to the Region 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;
- Position is subject to oversight by the Regional Executive Board and officers; and
- Position also carries with it 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, there should be a strong commitment to attend all scheduled or prescribed meetings (normally 3 times/year).

**Desired Qualifications:**

- Extensive Scouting background, with knowledge of, and contacts within region 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, (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 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 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 BSA's Youth Protection Director informed of key issues within the specific Region in regard to youth protection issues.
- Ensure Area teams are providing appropriate support to councils, to include: plans, programs, communications, or actions that will support Scouting's overall youth protection program throughout Scouting;
- Prepare an annual report for submission to the Executive Board on the status of Youth Protection compliance in the Region, and any future strategic plans.

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**Area Committee Youth Protection Champion  
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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 3 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;
- Position is subject to oversight by the Area Committee and officers; and
- Position also carries with it a corresponding reporting linkage to the Region Youth Protection Champion, who may require periodic meetings (in-person or telephonic) to address specific new and/or ongoing training topics and issues, and/or to determine 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, (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 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 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 specific Area in regard to youth protection issues.
- Ensure appropriate support is provided to councils, to include: 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.

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