



BP Service Association

Traditional Scouting in Canada

FACT SHEET

So You Don't Want to be a Youth Leader

The first thing that should be said is...“that’s OK!” Not everyone has the time or inclination to be a part of a weekly youth meeting. That said, there is still a high need for other adults to help support, run and grow the Group. The adage that it takes a village to raise a child is as true as ever so here are just a few opportunities you might excel at:

Fundraiser: As part of the Group Auxiliary this position organizes and/or just participates in Group fundraising events. The Group Auxiliary is the non-uniformed adult section responsible for obtaining sufficient funds to maintain the Group. The Group Auxiliary is also responsible for Group equipment, and to assist the Group Scoutmaster with recruiting, obtaining accommodation, and similar logistical help. Members of the Group Auxiliary do not wear uniform and have no involvement with youth.

Recruitment: We want as many youth as possible to be able to participate in traditional scouting and you can help accomplish this by getting the word out to the media, school groups and other potential sponsors. You will use your creativity to produce press releases, short videos, and liaise with schools to hopefully allow you to be a part of school events such as Open Houses or Meet the Parent Nights. Many of our Groups often have waiting lists due to the lack of uniformed leaders so the recruitment of leaders is also an important aspect of this role. Every youth leader recruited typically means 6 to 8 youth are able participate in the program.

Social Media Coordinator: You can create and utilize your group’s various social media accounts and/or web site to create buzz in your community and at the same time keep the entire Group informed and up to date with the latest Group news and plans. The Provincial Council for example, utilizes Facebook, Twitter and Instagram along with its web site. We also have a YouTube channel in reserve.

Bookkeeper/Treasurer: Every Group is required to see that particular care is exercised in the handling of funds belonging to or entrusted to the Groups and Sections of the BPSA. Adequate financial records must be maintained and properly accounted for. Audited Financial Statements must be submitted annually to the next senior Council. Please note that this position does NOT require that you have a professional degree, diploma or certificate.

Community Liaison: Every Group should work towards becoming known to civic and business leaders in the community. You will find that many doors are opened for you providing opportunities for funding and activities that may not have been available before.

Developing and nurturing the relationship with the business and civic community is the primary aspect of this role. How this is done is limited only by your imagination.

These are just a few of the roles that may be available in your local Group. We would be happy to discuss any other service you might be willing to offer.

So just how much time will you need to put in? That is entirely up to you. Obviously some positions will be busier than others and some may require more time at certain times of the year than others. However, we recognize that time is a valuable commodity and we appreciate any and all time you are willing to give. We would be more than happy to work around your schedule.

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