

Role description for a Section Leader (Beaver Scout, Cub Scout or Scout)



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Title: Beaver Scout Leader, Cub Scout Leader or Scout Leader

Outline: Manage and lead the operation of the Section. In particular, the planning and delivery of the Balanced Programme, with the help of Assistant Section Leaders, Section Assistants, Young Leaders and members of Scout Active Support as appropriate. Some of the tasks for which the Section Leader is responsible may be delegated to others in the Section, including other Section Leaders, Assistant Section Leaders and Section Assistants.

Responsible to: Group Scout Leader.

Responsible for: Young Leaders whilst they are working in the Section.

Main Contacts: Young people, parents/carers, Assistant Leaders, Section Assistants, other Section Leaders within the Group, Group Scout Leader, Assistant District and County/Area Commissioners (Section), Explorer Scout Leader (Young Leaders), Young Leaders, Group Executive Committee members, sponsors of the Group.

Appointment Requirements: Must successfully complete the appointment process (including acceptable personal enquiries and acceptance of The Scout Association's policies). During the five months of Provisional Appointment the relevant *Getting Started* modules must be completed. A Wood Badge must be completed within three years of Full Appointment, and ongoing safeguarding and safety training.

Main Tasks
Delivery of a Balanced Programme
Delivery of a safe, exciting and stimulating Balanced Programme for the Section taking into account the needs, interests and abilities of the young people.
Ensure the safe delivery of the programme in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
Ensure that every young person in the Section has the opportunity to attend at least one nights away experience each year.
Actively support and promote the achievement of badges and awards in particular the Chief Scouts' Award.
Actively work with other adults in the Group to support and promote Group or multi-section activities and events.
Ensure regular opportunities are provided for young people to express their views on the programme and running on the Section, and that those views are taken into account (for example using Log Chews, Pack, Troop, Sixer or Patrol Leader forums, or any other method).
Actively co-operate with other section leaders to promote the Moving On from Section to Section.
Operation of the Section
Work with the Group Scout Leader, the Group Executive Committee and others to support recruiting and inducting appropriate Assistant Leaders and Section Assistants.
Agree responsibilities with Assistant Section Leaders, Section Assistants and parent helpers taking into account the development of the individual's leadership potential.

Main Tasks
Ensure accurate records are kept of the young people in the Section in accordance with the Data Protection Act and pass these records to the Section Leader when the young person reaches the age to move up to the next Section.
Regularly review the operation of the Section.
Make and maintain good relationships with parents/carers of the young people. This may include running a parent rota and/or inviting parents to support camps or other residential experiences.
Wider Group tasks
Follow the Group's financial procedures which must be in accordance with POR.
Attend and contribute to relevant Group and District meetings. These may include meetings of the Group Council, the Group Executive Committee, Leaders' meetings (at Group, District or County level), and AGMs. Note: Section Leaders can sit on the Group Executive Committee by indicating their willingness to do so each year at the Group AGM.

Other Tasks Agreed with the GSL

All of the above tasks for which the Section Leader is responsible may be delegated to others in the Section, including Assistant Leaders and Section Assistants. The only task which cannot be delegated is being an ex-officio member of the Group Executive Committee.