



## Youth Helper Badge

### **Role**

- The role of the Youth Helper is to assist and provide support to the Mob, Pack or Troop.
- Youth Helpers may be a member of a Venturer Scout Unit or recruited from outside the movement - in which case an application for membership form must be completed.
- Application to become a Youth Helper within a Group must be assessed by the Group Council and supported by the Joey Scout, Cub Scout or Scout Leader and approved by the Group Leader.
- A Youth Helper assists mainly in one Section, however, they may assist in the other Sections with the approval of the Leader concerned.
- Section Leaders need to provide the understanding and knowledge necessary to perform the Youth Helper role.
- The Youth Helper is responsible to the Section Leader with whom they are working.

### **Duties**

- Set a high standard of behaviour through personal example.
- Support the Leaders to ensure effective functioning of the Mob, Pack or Troop.
- Provide assistance in skills appropriate to the program.
- Have a friendly attitude towards Youth Members, Leaders and parents.
- Support the Leaders to develop the personal growth of Youth Members in accordance with the Aims of Scouting and the methods of the section.
- Encourage progression of Youth Members to the next section.
- Develop an understanding and knowledge of the section you are working with e.g. operation, award scheme, parades etc.
- Support all Group/District/Region activities as required.

### **Requirements**

- Be enthusiastic and able to relate to young people.
- Age 14½ - 18 years old to assist in the Joey Scout and Cub Scout Sections. Age 16-18 years old to assist in the Scout Section. While a Rover may be a Youth Helper, consideration needs to be given to applying for a role as an Adult Leader or an Adult Helper upon reaching your 18th birthday.
- Youth Helpers are to be supervised by a Leader at all times and must not be left alone with or in control of Youth Members.
- Youth Helpers should attend a National Youth Helpers Course.