



VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION: CUB SCOUT LEADER

General information

- › A Cub Scout group is led by an adult Cub Scout Leader.
- › If a Cub Scout Leader is under 22, he/she must be supported by an adult in the position.
- › It is advisable to implement the position as a pair of leaders.
- › The Cub Scout Leader plans and leads weekly activities.
- › The Cub Scout Leader is recruited by a Local Age Section Manager, Volunteer Leader or Programme Leader in compliance with the practices of the local group.
- › It is recommendable to have the same Cub Scout Leader for the same Cub Scouts throughout the Cub Scout period.

Duties of a Cub Scout Leader

Cub Scout Leader

- › knows the developmental characteristics of children in the Cub Scout age section.
- › understands and masters the youth programme and the educational objectives.
- › understands and masters the Guide and Scout method.
- › plans and implements the group's activities.
- › educates him/herself for the position.
- › is responsible for the safety of activities.
- › supports children's growth and creates opportunities to learn and influence.
- › is a safe and familiar grown-up who, when necessary, sets boundaries, motivates to Scouting activities and creates positive experiences to Cub Scouts.
- › commits to the position for the agreed period.
- › reserves sufficiently time to take care of the position.
- › keeps contact with stakeholders, for example, prepares parents' evenings.
- › reports about the activities of the patrol in compliance with the local group's practices, for example, writes a yearly description, an annual report or a hike report.

Cub Scout Leader must

- › know the Guide and Scout method and the educational objectives of Cub Scouts.
- › know the Cub Scout programme.
- › know the organisation and operating culture of the local group.
- › be able to plan the group's activities.
- › be able to lead a Scout meeting.
- › be able to arrange safe hikes and know the safety instructions of the Guides and Scouts of Finland.
- › know where from he/she can get assistance for the position.
- › be able and have the courage to raise children.



Development in the position

Cub Scout Leader

- › has discussions with other Cub Scout Leaders of the local group, the Local Age Section Manager and the Programme Leader about how the local group's Cub Scout activities can be further improved.
- › participates in Cub Scout meetings.
- › participates actively in training and other events that support operating in the position.
- › gets feedback from the Local Age Section Manager or the Programme Leader, if he/she so desires.

Support for operating in the position

- › The Cub Scout Leader gets support from the Local Age Section Manager and the Programme Leader
- › Also peer support from other Cub Scout Leaders is important
- › Events and meetings for Cub Scout Leaders
- › Further training, such as Trefoil-Gilwell training (Wood Badge training)
- › Skills training sessions
- › Youth programme materials

Cub Scout Leader training

- › The Cub Scout Leader course (Ask your Scout district if available in English)
- › Basic training for Guide and Scout Leaders (Ask your Scout district if available in English)
- › The Safely Together online training (available also in English)