



## **ROVER YOUTH HELPER BADGE**

Formerly known as "Rover Instructor", this is very much an unknown badge in Scouting and even in Roving circles, but is an ideal alternative to taking out a Certificate of Adult Leadership (the more recent name for a Leader's Warrant) while attempting to be a Rover.

Sectional Leaders often put a lot of emphasis on the responsibilities that come with a "warranted" leadership position, with the possibility of a young adult's Roving years being sacrificed. After all, you only have the eight years between 18 and 26 to gain the value of being an active Rover, but you can then continue in Scouting with a leadership position for the next thirty or more!

The Rover Youth Helper badge allows a Rover to put in the spare time they have with another section, with all but the responsibility of single handedly running a Troop, Pack, Mob, or Unit. A Rover Youth Helper is also still free to take out a Crew Leader's Certificate of Adult Leadership at the same time.

If you are a Rover thinking of taking out a Certificate of Adult Leadership, seriously consider becoming a Rover Youth Helper instead. As a Rover Youth Helper, your objective is to support the section Leaders in the development of the members in their section, encourage progression into the next section and promote Scouting activities at the local level.

The Rover Youth Helper badge is granted by the Region Rover Council, on the recommendation of the Crew. Before becoming a Rover Youth Helper, the Rover must consult with, and have the approval of the section Leaders for the section where they wish to be a Youth Helper, and also the Group Leader of that same Group. The District/Regional Leader for Training should also be advised of the intention to become a Rover Youth Helper in their District/Zone.

As a Rover Youth Helper you should:

1. Develop a knowledge and understanding of the section.
2. Be enthusiastic and able to relate to, and motivate, young people.
3. Have a commitment to the Mob/Pack/Troop/Unit.
4. Set a high standard of behaviour through personal example.
5. Support the Leaders to ensure effective functioning of the Mob/Pack/Troop/Unit.

6. Provide and arrange instruction and assistance in skills appropriate to the section.
7. Attend and actively participate in section and Group meetings.
8. Support all activities relevant to the section you are working with.
9. Support the Leaders in maintaining section gear and equipment.
10. Undertake appropriate training to assist in this role.

Note that age restrictions for Assistant Leaders within sections also apply to Rover Youth Helpers.

The Rover Youth Helper badge is worn above the right pocket on the old uniform or at the bottom of the right sleeve on the new uniform. It must be removed within six months of ceasing to be a Rover Youth Helper.

If you need any further information, see your RRC Training Officer or contact your Regional Commissioner for Rovers.

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