

SERVICE HOUR POLICY

SERVICE HOURS:

- Service hours must be approved one week prior to beginning
 - o Service hours performed without prior approval will not be approved
 - o Service hour request may be approved by:
 - The scoutmaster for Star, Life and Eagle
 - An ASM designated by the SM for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class
- Service hours must be supervised by an Adult of the benefitting organization and documented by a signed letter from that adult or designee.
- No more than 6 hours may be satisfied within a 24-hour period.
- May only be used to satisfy service hour requirements for your most current rank advancement, not any other advancement requirements (no double dipping!).
 - o Service hours cannot be “banked” towards later ranks.
- Service hours are for service to the community (churches, schools, community organizations, etc.), not Scout units, Districts or Councils.
- Cannot be anything for which you get paid (This is a fund raiser or job.)
- All approved Eagle Scout Projects qualify for Service hours. The Eagle candidate will need to submit a roster to apply credit for those that assisted.

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CONSERVATION SERVICE HOURS:

There is a lot of confusion about what satisfies the conservation service hour requirement. The best and most consistent source we have is the BSA's "Conservation Good Turn" award which can be viewed in its entirety at: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/Youth/ConservationGoodTurn.aspx>

Although you DO NOT need to complete this award to satisfy the requirement, we do ask that you use it as a guide when you and your patrol together explore patrol projects that would. The following is an excerpt which should serve as your guide when organizing projects that would satisfy the requirement:

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... Suggested projects include, but are not limited to

- 1. Plant shrubs to provide food and cover for wildlife.*
- 2. Build and set out bird and squirrel nesting boxes.*
- 3. Conduct stream improvement projects to prevent erosion.*
- 4. Plant grasses and legumes to provide ground cover in schoolyards, public parks, and recreation areas.*
- 5. Plant tree seedlings as part of a managed forestry plan.*
- 6. Help thin and prune woodlands in a managed tree improvement project.*
- 7. With a local forester, take part in or conduct a forest fire prevention program.*
- 8. Make an exhibit on conservation for a county fair.*
- 9. Develop a nature trail in a public park.*
- 10. Conduct a stream, river or lakeside trash collection project.*
- 11. Assist a local forester in a tree insect- and disease-control or public education project.*
- 12. Assist a local agency with a trout stream restoration project.*
- 13. Participate in a wildlife or wildfowl count.*
- 14. Conduct a rodent-control and public health education program under the guidance of the local health department or agency responsible for rodent control.*

To verify the completion/satisfaction of this requirement, we ask that you FIRST arrange the project with either the Campmaster or Ranger of the facility, THEN carry out the project and have the Campmaster/Ranger document and verify the hours worked and that the project was satisfactorily completed.