

Making a difference in your community and world

In 2016, the Del-Mar-Va Council scouting family contributed over 65,000 hours of volunteer service to benefit local, national and international projects. We know scouts are actively making the world a better place each and everyday.



“The highest of distinctions is service
to others.”

— King George VI



For questions go to
www.scouting.org/Awards/JourneyToExcellence

Or

Contact your District Executive

Phone: 302-622-3300
www.delmarvacouncil.org



Tell Us About Your Service Project



We know that Scouts throughout
the Del-Mar-Va Council are
answering the call to service. Tell
the story of how your den, pack,
patrol, troop, team, crew, or ship is
contributing to this effort.

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A SCOUT IS HELPFUL...



What is a Good Turn?

As stated in the *Boy Scout Handbook*, some Good Turns are big—saving a life, helping out after

floods or other disasters, recycling community trash, or working with others on conservation projects. But Good Turns are often small, thoughtful acts—helping a child cross a busy street, going to the store for an elderly neighbor, cutting back brush that is blocking a sign, doing something special for a brother or sister, or welcoming a new student to your school. Youth and volunteers are looking for ways to serve their communities. At the same time, service organizations need dedicated volunteer help. By working together, we can improve our young people, our communities, and the nation.

Planning a Service Project

The Scout Oath includes the phrase “to help other people at all times, which reminds us to always be of service to others. Begin planning your project by discussing various service ideas with your scouts. Adult leaders, your chartered organization, and the local government are also good resources for ideas. Projects will be more meaningful and fun if they are well-planned.

A service project is a special Good Turn that puts Scout spirit into action.

— *The Boy Scout Handbook, 12th Edition, page 84*

Examples of Reportable Projects

What can be reported?

Any volunteer activity without monetary compensation performed by a scout or scouting unit which benefits an individual, or the community. Hours are reportable even if they count as service for another entity such as a school or church. Include any hours spent in planning, recruiting, assembling materials and travel to and from the endeavor.

Projects at Church

- Altar server
- Parking assistant
- Assist with religious education
- Cleanup of church and grounds
- Assist with fundraising event (bake sale, bazaar, etc)
- Childcare during services

Projects at School

- Volunteer with after school programs –tutoring, sports programs, program aides
- Serve as crossing guard
- Assist with fundraising activities (bake sale, candy sale, etc)
- Cleanup activities
- Collection of school supplies
- Lunchroom cleanup

Work with Partnering Service Organizations

- American Cancer Assoc. Relay For Life
- Rotary International
- Salvation Army
- American Red Cross
- American’s Second Harvest
- Habitat for Humanity

Other Ideas

- Assist with meal deliveries to shut-ins
- Tree planting
- Garden clean up for neighborhood
- Playground cleanup
- Shovel snow, rake leaves, yard work for others
- Clean up at beach, river or creek
- Pick up trash along roadway
- Help at district scouting activity
- Collect items for others in need (coat, food blanket, eyeglasses, etc.)
- Assist with community events (Coast Day, Arden Fair, Day in Olde New Castle, Apple-Scrapple Festival, Canal Day, etc.)

Scouting For Food

Eagle Scout Projects

How to Report Service Projects and Hours

Go to
www.scouting.org/JTE

- Scroll down to Service Projects box
- You will find links to:
 - the Service hours website
 - New user instructions
 - Unit Tips for Success, etc.
- First time users will need your unit ID (get from your District Executive)

