

Adopt-a-School Program

Proposal to Leaders





Benefits to the Community

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About

Scouting America Del-Mar-Va Council Adopt-a-School program is an exciting and comprehensive undertaking that will connect our Scouting programs located across the peninsula with schools in their communities. Participating Scouting units partner with school administrations and offer the volunteer services that will most effectively meet their school's needs with clearly defined guidelines. Each unit will offer a minimum one-year commitment to the school. Our intent is to create a mutual and meaningful community relationship that will bring significant positive changes within the schools.



Project Scope

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These cooperative efforts are aimed at helping schools meet their goals for student achievement and success while proactively addressing the local community's/school's need for volunteer service and community outreach.





Volunteer Ideas

- Grounds Beautification
- Building Improvement
- Giving Tree Coordination
- Helpers during Festivals
- Book Drive Coordination
- Food Drive Coordination
- Green Effort Coordination
- Literacy Program
- Teacher Appreciation
- Cleaning up after School Events



Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the time commitment?**
 - We request a year's commitment, but our hope is to build strong sustained relationships.
- **How much time is expected to be given?**
 - At least 1 service project each school year.
- **What commitment is expected from the school?**
 - We expect the school representatives to be cooperative in identifying their needs and helping outline the projects that will best satisfy those needs.
- **Can the Unit or School opt out if the commitment is not working?**
 - Yes, but we hope both parties will do everything possible to honor the one-year pledge.



Unit Adopt-a-School Chair

Position Description

Position: Unit Adopt a School Chair

Reports To: Unit Committee Chair

Supervises: Adopt-a-School Unit Service Project(s)

Primary Functions: To coordinate Unit participation in Adopt-a-School!

Major Duties and Responsibilities:

- Secure commitment(s) for Unit participation in Adopt-a-School
- Attend Scheduled Adopt-a-School Chair meetings
- Bring awareness of the program to the Unit through social media messaging, newsletter or email promotion, and Unit committee meetings
- Bring awareness of the program to the community through social media, news media, etc. to help promote the image of scouting
- Provide resources to help facilitate communications with schools, families, and community
- Coordinate with District Adopt-a-School Chair to ensure your unit has resources to engage with and recruit new youth at Adopt-a-School
- Coordinate day of support (unit level, commissioners, professional staff, etc.) to thank families for their involvement

Critical Elements of the Position:

- Good Communication Skills
- Organization
- Passion for community service and/or school relationships





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Pledge Letter

We, _____ (unit name/number), pledge to adopt _____ (name of school) for a period of one school year, beginning _____. We will fulfill our commitment by completing a minimum of one volunteer service project by spring break through the time and talent of our Scouts and Scouters. We look forward to working with the principal and staff to identify the school's needs and establish a plan that will bring meaningful progress.

We are honored to serve in this way, and through volunteer service we hope to contribute to the advancement of this school and to the spirit of community between our scouts and our adopted school. At the end of the year, the unit and school will receive a certificate recognizing completed projects and the year's overall success.

Our Project(s):

To Be Completed By:

Unit Type & Number

School

Unit Leader Name

Principal Name

Unit Leader Signature

Principal Signature

Unit Leader email address

Principal Email Address

Del-Mar-Va Council Office

Received Date: _____

Please scan form and email to Helen Kendall - hkendall@dmvc.org

