

BSA Troop 58 Community Service Guidelines (Nov, 2019)

If you follow these guidelines, your service will meet requirements. If you read through the guidelines in their entirety and still have questions regarding what “counts” as service, please request Pre-Approval from Mr. Zangara or Mrs. Chartier for clarification BEFORE your service dates. Projects will NOT be retroactively approved without scoutmaster sign off. If you are not sure, get PRE-APPROVAL. Mr. Zangara or Mrs. Chartier will be happy to discuss and decide whether your planned project meets rank or merit badge requirements and then the project leader or parent can sign off once the hours are completed per the guidelines below.

****ALWAYS ensure you have another scout or parent with you during individual projects and at least 2 adults (1 female for GT members) trained in Youth Protection present during group or Troop level projects. This is for your safety and protection and is a BSA requirement.****

Reporting your hours

Print a service form BEFORE your service occurs and take it with you so the organization representative can sign off. This ensures accurate and timely recording and submission. Reporting forms will be available from the advancement team at troop meetings or on the website MyTroop58.com under the Program tab.

Incomplete forms will not be processed. It is the scout's (not parent's) responsibility to ensure all details are included at the time of submission. Double check your form before you submit it. Hours should be “rounded” up or down to the closest quarter hour. If you notice your hours have not been entered within one week, check your form for accuracy and check in with the service chairs.

Scouts (not parents) should print, fill out and scan or photograph service forms and email to heatherdensmore3@gmail.com or amybjohnson3@gmail.com for entry into Troopmaster or Scoutbook. Please always copy your parent and/or PA on ALL emails for youth protection. Emailing is preferred as you also keep a record of your hours in case of questions later and may refer to the original. You may also submit a paper form to Mrs. Densmore, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Dellinger or Mrs. Harris and the advancement team at a Troop Meeting. Our Webmaster is working on an electronic format for submission. Please stay tuned.

Service Organizations and Ways to Serve

Troop-Organized Group Projects: The troop plans many group projects throughout the year. This is the easiest and best way to earn hours and ensure you receive credit. For projects coordinated and organized by the Troop, scout, leader and parent names and hours will be collected via the Sign up Genius or a

written master sign-in list. Individual scouts should *not* submit additional forms for Troop-organized service dates. Troop-organized service may include conservation hours. If this is the case, it will be advertised as such at sign up. Scouts are required and leaders and parents are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to participate in at least one or two troop-organized service project(s) each year. Troop 58 also tracks adult community service hours. We report annual aggregate service hours to our county council and each year we strive for the "Journey to Excellence" Award. Cumulative scout and adult service hours help us in that effort. Leaders and adults can email hours to heatherdensmore3@gmail.com or amybjohnson3@gmail.com without filling out forms if they volunteer outside of Troop-organized service events and the hours will be entered into Troopmaster or Scoutbook.

Eagle Projects: Scouts are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to earn service hours by helping with Eagle Projects for Troop 58 or any other unit. These projects have already been approved and scouts should NOT complete individual reporting forms. The Eagle candidate is responsible for keeping and submitting a written log of volunteer names, dates, times, locations and description of the service performed. This form may be held and updated over the course of the project and turned in at completion OR multiple forms may be submitted over the course of the project, but within 30 days of completion. Eagle Candidates, please keep in mind that some scouts need their hours recorded sooner for advancement. Your reporting of hours should not be the reason they are not able to rank up.

Chartering Organization the Davidson Lions Club: Scouts may earn service hours by volunteering for the Lions Club. We track scout, leader and other adult service hours for our chartering organization. This primarily includes the concession stand at Davidson home football games in the fall. The ranking scout is responsible for submitting the names, date and hours for all adult and scout volunteers on their shift. This form should be submitted within 2 weeks of the service date. Individual scouts should not submit additional service forms.

School: Scouts may earn service hours by volunteering for their school. This may include projects that help a large segment of the school, such as a classroom, the library, or the band, but NOT individuals, such as a specific teacher. Accepted hours have included, but are not limited to, the following:

- school gardens or grounds
- shelving for band instruments
- book cases or sorting books for classrooms or libraries
- literacy, tutoring or summer programs for students
- running the lights for school theater productions

An adult representing the club, class or school and supervising your service should sign the reporting form. The scouts will list dates, times, location and a description of the service you performed. This form must be submitted within 30 days of completing your service. Parents should not sign these forms.

Religious Organization: Scouts may earn service hours by volunteering for their religious organization. This may include projects that help a large segment of the congregation, but would NOT include activities during worship services, such as acolyte, choir, usher, sound board, running slides or helping in Sunday School. These activities are considered "Duty to God" and not Community Service. Accepted hours have included, but are not limited to, the following:

- volunteering for vacation bible school
- Day of Service
- Room in the Inn
- shoe, coat or school supply drives
- youth group service projects

An adult representing the church and supervising your service should sign the reporting form. The scout will list dates, times, location and a description of the service you performed. This form must be submitted within 30 days of completing your service. Parents should not sign these forms.

Community Non-Profit or Charitable Organization: Scouts may earn service hours by volunteering for a non-profit or other charitable organization. This may include projects that help a segment of the public but NOT a private group or something that only neighborhood or club members have access to, such as an HOA or golf club.

Accepted hours have included, but are not limited to, the following:

- building a shelter at a dog park open to the public
- trail clearing through a town park
- picking up litter at county or town parks
- volunteering at a 5K race or a car wash where proceeds buy backpacks and school supplies. (NOT running in the race)
- projects at Camp Daniel Boone or National Jamboree
- Hornets Nest Cub Scout Day Camp volunteers
- Ada Jenkins
- Davidson Housing Coalition

An organization representative should sign the reporting form. The scout will list dates, times, location and a description of the service you performed. If you perform this type of service without an organized group leader, you may have a

parent sign your form. This form must be submitted within 30 days of completing your service.

Conservation:

For the rank of Life, scouts are required to perform 6 hours of Community Service. Of these 6 hours, at least 3 must be conservation-related. These hours must be completed while you are a Star Scout and require pre-approval.

Conservation: A careful preservation and protection of something, especially planned management of a natural resource to prevent exploitation, destruction, or neglect. The protection of plants, animals, and natural resources.

Accepted hours have included, but are not limited to, the following:

- clearing or cleaning trails or stream beds
- marking storm drains to discourage dumping
- planting trees
- planting grasses or shrubs to prevent erosion or run off
- beach cleanup
- present earth day education for a group
- hold a booth to educate people about recycling
- build a compost bin or rain barrel and donate to an organization

Your parent may sign off on the form if your activity does not have an organized leader. The form must be marked ****CONSERVATION**** so we know to assign those hours to that requirement. Please submit this form within 30 days of completing your service requirement.

Please contact heatherdensmore3@gmail.com or 704-819-6910 (mobile) or amybjohnson3@gmail.com or 704-497-4815 (mobile) with any other questions you may have regarding forms or service entries.

Thank you for your service!

Rank requirements for Community Service are listed below. Refer to specific Merit Badge requirements for details related to service. The Scoutmasters ultimately have discretion over decisions for acceptable service hours.

Rank Advancement Service Requirements:

Tenderfoot 7b: Participate in one hour of service through one or more service projects approved by your scoutmaster. Explain how service to others relates to the scout slogan and the scout motto.

Second Class 8e: Participate in two hours of service through one or more service projects approved by your scoutmaster. Tell how your service to others relates to the scout oath.

First Class 9d: Participate in three hours of service through one or more service projects approved by your scoutmaster. The projects must not be the same service project(s) used for Tenderfoot requirement 7b and Second Class requirement 8e. Explain how your service to others relates to the Scout Law.

Star 4: While a First Class Scout, participate in six hours of service through one or more service projects approved by your scoutmaster.

Life 4: While a Star Scout, participate in six hours of service through one or more service projects approved by your scoutmaster. At least three hours of this service must be conservation-related.

Eagle: The service project for Eagle rank has very specific requirements and deadlines. Please see your Patrol or Eagle Advisor for details on how to get your project planned, approved and executed. This will take extended time and effort and you will need to plan well in advance. All requirements must be completed before the scout's 18th birthday.

Current 2019-2020 Troop 58 Service Projects

Concession Stand Volunteers with Davidson Lions Club

Every home football game. 2019 Season is 8/31, 9/7, 9/14, 10/12, 10/26, 11/2 and 11/23. Four scouts and an adult from one patrol for each game, 3 hours each, tracked and submitted by ranking scout attending. Patrols have already signed up for dates.

DCPC Day of Service Saturday November 2, 2019

Church designs Sign Up Genius for pre-arranged projects. Troop service Chair will send out the link and request scouts sign up for a specific project so we can serve together or will sign up a specific number of scouts. Scout, leader and parent volunteers needed. NO individual forms, please.

Assemble Luminary Kits for Davidson Housing Coalition

November 6, 2019. Chair communicates with DHC on dates. Can be moved to another night if necessary. 8-10 scouts, 2 adults, 2 hours each. Sign Up Genius.

Host and Provide Meals and Fellowship for Room in the Inn

1st Thursday and Friday nights in January when Davidson College is still on break (Jan 2-3, 2020). Sign up Genius for breakfast and dinner, bag lunches, bed set up, evening hosts, 2 men and scouts to sleep over, break down. Richie King from DCPC and Jane Campbell are contacts. Hours tracked by Service Chair via Sign up Genius and sign in list. Many scouts, leaders and adults needed.

Scouting For Food

Bag drop off 1/25, pick up 2/1/2020, organized at District and Troop level. Scouts and leaders participate in bag distribution and pick-up, some scouts at Ada Jenkins for sorting. Service Chairs and Leading scout coordinate. Hours tracked by PLs for distro/pick up and sorting.

Scout Sunday

Usually 1st Sunday in Feb at DCPC, often 2-3 weeks different at DUMC. 2/2/2020 at DCPC. Scouts serve as Greeters, offering collection, carrying elements, any reading/speaking parts at Pastors request. No hours tracked. This is considered Duty to God. Heather Densmore coordinates for DCPC, Heather Smith for DUMC. This is a house of worship-based activity, not a Troop-based activity. No sign up.

DUMC Mission Impact Days

Quarterly community service projects identified by DUMC. Troops will target the spring 2020 date TBD. Group sign up.

Davidson Town Day

Build and man the Monkey Bridge May 2, 2020 for Community Outreach and Recruiting. 2 hour shifts, tracked and submitted by New Scout SPL. Adults and scouts needed.

All service projects must follow BSA Youth Protection Guidelines at all times. All GT group and Troop-based service project participation requires an adult female trained in YPT.

****Parents and scouts are responsible for YPT during all individual projects and any community events not listed here.****

Thank you for your service!