



Service Projects for Troops

October 2, 2025

**Susquehanna District Roundtable
Scouts BSA Breakout**





Why Service Projects?

- Advancement
- Visibility
- Altruism
- Aims & Methods





Advancement

- Tenderfoot – 1 Hour
- Second Class – 2 Hours
- First Class – 3 Hours (on a separate project than before)
- Star – 6 Hours
- Life – 6 Hours (3 conservation-related)





Visibility

- Shows involvement in the community
- Aids in Recruiting and Fundraising

Altruism

- Because it's the right thing to do

Contributes to Scouting's Aims & Methods

- Character Development and Citizenship Training
- The Good Turn as part of Personal Growth





Safety Considerations

- [S.A.F.E. Service Project Planning Checklist](#)
- [S.A.F.E. Project Tool Use](#)

If it is not practical to meet these protocols, do not conduct the activity or service project.





Service Opportunities





Scouting for Food

- [Council Info for 2025](#)
- Door Hanger Distribution – Nov 1
- Food Collection – Nov 8
- Report your results
- Consider adding recruiting info to your hanger





Veteran Grave Flags

- Placed in advance of Memorial Day
- Many area cemeteries are not served.
- Contact the [Lancaster County Office of Veterans Affairs](#) to register a cemetery and order flags.





Wreaths Across America

- **Remember** the Fallen; **Honor** those who served and their families; **Teach** the next generation about the value of freedom.
- Serve during wreath placement at National and local cemeteries the weekend of December 13.
- Fundraising opportunities also available.
- [Contact Nina Evans](#) to get involved.
- www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org



Indiantown Gap
National Cemetery
– Annville



Laurel Hill Memorial
Gardens
– Columbia



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Lancaster Conservancy

- Over 50 properties in and near Lancaster County
- Open Service Days
- Group Service Projects
- [For info on Volunteer Opportunities](#)





Toys for Tots

- Collect new unwrapped toys and distribute to economically disadvantaged children at Christmas.
- In 2024:
 - 70,585 Toys Distributed
 - 16,811 Children Supported
- Ways to serve:
 - Collection drives through the year
 - Sort and prepare toys
 - Distribution to families
- [For info on Local Volunteer Opportunities](#)





Local Municipalities

- Parks – Seasonal cleanup
- Events – Parking, Trash removal, Lost & Found
- Neighborhood cleanup
- Flag Collection and Retirement Ceremony

Local Organizations

- Clothing and toiletry drives for shelters, personal care homes, and those leaving rehab facilities
- Food prep and service for community meal locations
- Animal shelters

Charter Organization

- Advance the mission of your Unit's home

More ideas on the Council Site

[Service Projects](#)





Reporting

- Why ?
 - Information for Unit Connections Metrics
 - Provides helpful data for grant applications
- How ?
 - Log Service Hours in [Scoutbook Plus](#)
 - See following pages





Reporting

- Enter New Activity Log : Service Hours

Scoutbook Plus Activity Logs

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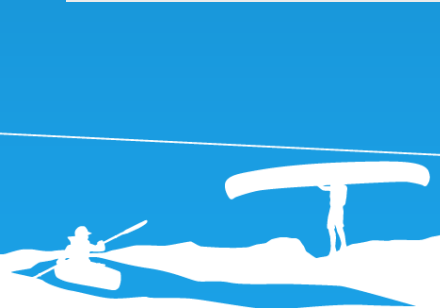
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Search by Activity Name

+ New Activity Log

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- Camping
- Hiking
- Service Hours





Reporting

- Select Activity or Create a New Activity

Record Service Hours

Service Projects:

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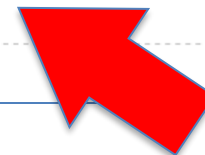
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

TODAY

+ CREATE NEW ACTIVITY





Reporting

- Enter Time and Location Info

Record Service Hours

0 Total Service Hours to be Recorded**0 Total Members and Non-Members**

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Service Project Information:

Project Name

Project Starts
9/20/25

Project Ends
9/20/25

☐ All Day Event

Start Time





Reporting

- Select whether Eagle Project related

Was this service associated with an Eagle Service Project? *:

☒ No ☐ Yes

- Select Project Type and Initiative(s), if applicable

Children/Education (e.g. school playground additions, sensory room, toy drive).

Disabled/Elderly (e.g. wheelchair ramp, greenhouse at retirement center, sensory path).

Disaster Relief/Sick/Injured (supply distribution, blood drive, disaster repair projects).

Environmental/Conservation (e.g. hiking trail, bird boxes, butterfly habitat).

Food/Shelter Insecurity (e.g. supplies for homeless shelter, habitat for humanity, blanket distribution).

Healthy Living (e.g. health exhibit, film and share fitness PSA's, basketball court).

Landscape/Beautification (e.g. benches, gazebo, prayer garden).

Literacy (e.g. little library, book truck, book drive).

Veterans (e.g. memorial, veteran history project, restore veterans cemetery).

Other/Uncategorized (e.g. flag retirement box, animal shelter, musical or play for

Scouting for Food

Scouting for Clean Waterways

Messengers of Peace

Benefits Unit's Charter Organization





Reporting

- Project Type and Initiative(s), continued

Food/Shelter Insecurity

Scouting for Food x

Benefits Unit's Charter Organization x

Scouting For Food - Food (lb)

2578.5

64 of 1500

Scouting for Food Collection for food bank at charter org church





Reporting

- Add Participant and Hour counts

Non-Registered Youth:

3	6
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Non-Registered Adults:

3	6
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RECORD AND FINISH

- Record and Finish





Questions? Ideas?

