



Boy Scout Troop 601

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Troop 601 Life Service Project

"To help other people at all times." That part of the Scout Oath reminds us to be of service to others, and therefore a scout led community service project is especially fitting.

Service to others is one of the overarching themes of Boy Scouts. We at Troop 601 have been and will be involved in many service projects, from repairing, painting, collecting items for the needy, or cleanup projects. Troop 601 is out helping the community we live in. Our Troop has had a policy of having our Life Scout candidates involved in "Life Projects" These short projects to help others and show leadership not only start the scout to think about the greater leadership project required for Eagle but also to realize the needs that our community has and how doing a good turn daily becomes essential in bettering our world. Below are the requirements for planning and carrying out a Life Project.

How to Plan a Service Project

Begin planning by discussing various service ideas with your Scoutmaster. Adult leaders, your house of worship, and our chartered organization are good sources for ideas. Remember that any project must be well planned and properly led and should fulfill the following expectations.

- **Be significant.** The project should be something important. When it's done, everyone should be able to look back with satisfaction on an effort that has made a difference.
- **Be clearly defined.** A project should have a definite beginning and end point and logical steps in between. A clear goal lets everyone measure the progress along the way and increases everyone's sense of participation and pride in a job well done.
- **Be well prepared.** This begins long before the service project starts. Ask these questions: What is the project's purpose? Who should be contacted as resources? How many Scouts must be involved to complete the work within the allotted time? What tools, equipment, supplies, and expertise will be needed? What safety issues must be addressed before work begins? Is the project worthy of media coverage? If so, how should that be handled?
- **Include reflection and recognition.** Spend time when the project is finished discussing such topics as: What impact did the Life project have on other people or the environment? How could the effort be improved if it is repeated?

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- **Answer the seven specific questions on the next page and then seek approval from the Scoutmaster to begin the project.**
 - **Following the project give a description of the project and how it was carried out. How did you show leadership on the Project?**

1. WHAT - What are you going to do? What is the situation or opportunity that you are going to lead others in?

2. WHEN - When are you going to do it? What date and time? How long will it last?

3. WHY - Why are you doing it? What is the need?

4. HOW #1 - How are you going to get it done? What is your plan?

5. WHO - Who will do it with you and what resources will you need to complete the task?

6. HOW #2 - How will you know when you are finished?

7. WITH - With whom will you celebrate? Who will share the success with? Include a reflection on the task performed.

Approval -- Scoutmaster Signature: _____ Date: _____

Description of Project, including what was done, how leadership was shown, was the project successful?

Participation and hours of service:

Scouts / Students	Hours worked	Scouts / Students	Hours worked
Adults	Hours worked	Adults	Hours worked

Total Hours Worked on This Project: _____
 (Include both hours planning and working by yourself, scouts, adult, and family members)

Recognition doesn't always involve badges and awards. The greatest reward can simply be an individual's heartfelt gratitude for the cheerful, unselfish service that all Scouts are honor-bound to give.