



SERVICE PROJECTS

Selecting Leadership Service Projects

*Leadership service projects shall be meaningful
Service not normally expected of a Scout as part of
his school, religious or community activities.*

Second Class Rank: For the rank of Second Class, a Scout must participate in a service project or projects approved by his Scoutmaster. The time of service must be a minimum of one hour. This project prepares a Scout for the more involved service projects he must perform for the Star, Life and Eagle Scout ranks.

Star and Life Ranks: For ranks of Star and Life, a Scout must perform six hours of service to others. This may be done as an individual project or as a member of a Patrol or Troop project. Star and Life service projects may be approved for Scouts assisting on Eagle service projects. The Scoutmaster approves the project before it is started.

Eagle Scout Rank: For a service project to qualify as an Eagle Scout service project, the Scout, while a Life Scout, must plan, develop and give leadership to others in a service project benefiting any religious institution, school or community. These projects, of course, must conform to the wishes and regulations of those for whom the project is undertaken.

The Eagle Scout service project provides opportunity for the Eagle Scout candidate to demonstrate the leadership skills he has learned in Scouting. He does the project outside the sphere of Scouting.

As a demonstration of leadership, the Scout must plan the work, organize the personnel needed and direct the project to its completion. Service to others is important. Work involving Council property or other BSA activities is not acceptable for an Eagle service project. The service project may not be performed for a business or be of a commercial nature or be a fund-raiser.

Routine labor, a job or service normally rendered should not be considered. There is no minimum number of hours that must be spent on carrying out the project. The amount of time spent must be sufficient for the Scout to clearly demonstrate leadership skills.

Please see Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, No. 18-927 for details.