

## SERVICE TIME GUIDELINES - TROOP 782

This is intended to give Scouts and their parents a guide as to what is and what is not acceptable for service hours toward rank advancement. These are not all encompassing, however, they do apply in most cases. If there is a question whether something will qualify, call the Assistant Scoutmaster handling service time for the troop or the Scoutmaster **before** doing the activity.

### I. SERVICE GUIDELINES

Activities which qualify as service time include:

- Work on Eagle Scout projects.
- Work done on Troop recognized service projects. Examples of this are the Used Book Sale at the Library, the Goodfellows Canned Food Drive, etc.. These are projects announced at the meetings and are posted in the Aerie.
- School activities such as Safety Patrol and Lunch Monitors.
- Work at Church. Helping to clean or make improvements around your church is acceptable.
- Volunteer work at hospitals or nursing homes.
- Work for a non-profit organization.

Activities which **do not** qualify include:

- Serving mass at church. This is considered part of your religious duty to your church.
- Work on project where you are paid. The point of service in Scouts is to volunteer your time, not get paid for it.
- Partisan political campaigns.
- Work done for family members. Examples are landscaping, cleaning, painting, etc.
- Time spent doing Troop Leadership jobs.

### II. SERVICE TIME RECORDS

Service time is recorded for each boy. No matter what a Scout does for service, it must be documented for him to receive credit. This documentation consists of:

- Eagle projects: The Scout leading the Eagle project will record the time and give it to the Assistant Scoutmaster in charge of service time for the troop.
- Troop sponsored projects: Typically, an adult or older Scout (assigned by the Troop) records the hours and gives it to the Assistant Scoutmaster in charge of service time for the troop.
- All other qualifying activities: The Scout will need whoever is in charge to sign a note stating what they did, when they did it, and how much time was spent doing it. The Scout then gives this to the Assistant Scoutmaster in charge of service time for the troop.

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### III. SERVICE TIME AND RANK ADVANCEMENT

General notes on service time as it relates to rank advancement.

1. We expect each Scout in Troop 782 to participate in at least one Troop service project per year to show Scout Spirit and be considered as an active Scout.
2. Service time **is required** to advance to the following ranks: Tenderfoot (1 hour), 2<sup>nd</sup> Class (2 hours), 1<sup>st</sup> Class (3 hours), Star (6 hours), and Life (6 hours).
3. Service time does not carry over once a Scout advances. For example, assume a 1<sup>st</sup> Class Scout has 12 hours of service. When he advances to Star, his service time rests to zero towards his Life rank. This is true for all ranks.
4. Even though service is not required for those Scouts who have attained the ranks of Life and Eagle, this will be looked at as part of Scout Spirit and leadership. Life and Eagle Scouts are expected to set an example for younger Scouts and working on service projects is a part of this. It is suggested that these Scouts work 6 hours per year (for Life Scouts) or 6 hours per palm (for Eagle Scouts).