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KEEPING SERVICE IN SCOUTING

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A Scout is ... HELPFUL







Source: http://scouting.org/100years/100years/100years/mages.aspx

Did you know?

(Excerpts from "History of the BSA Highlights" Scouting. Org)

1914

First tree-planting project was held in New York

1917

Scouting's full resources were placed at the service of the government

Slogan: "Help Win the War"



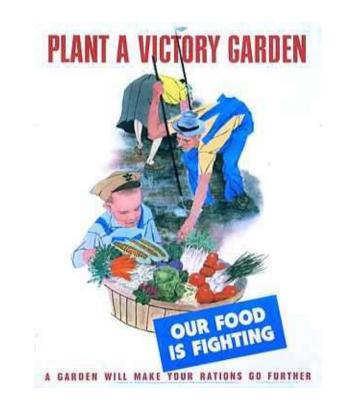
Scouts' War Effort: 1917–1918

Sold Liberty bonds and war savings stamps totaling more than \$355 million.

Collected 100 railroad cars full of nutshells and peach pits for gas mask manufacturing

Distributed more than 300 million pieces of government literature

Aided in food and fuel conservation projects



Source: http://www.livinghistoryfarm.org/farminginthe40s/crops_02.html

Planted 12,000 Boy Scout war gardens



1918

BSA adopted the slogan "The War Is Over, but Our Work Is Not" Scouts rendered nationwide service during the influenza epidemic

1919

First four Gold Medals were awarded by the National Court of Honor for saving a life at the risk of the rescuer's own

U.S. Bureau of Naturalization invited Scouts to aid in its Americanization program



1930-1939

President Roosevelt called for help from the Scouts for the distressed and needy.

1934

Nationwide Good Turn Collected 1,812,284 items of clothing, household furnishings, foodstuffs, and supplies

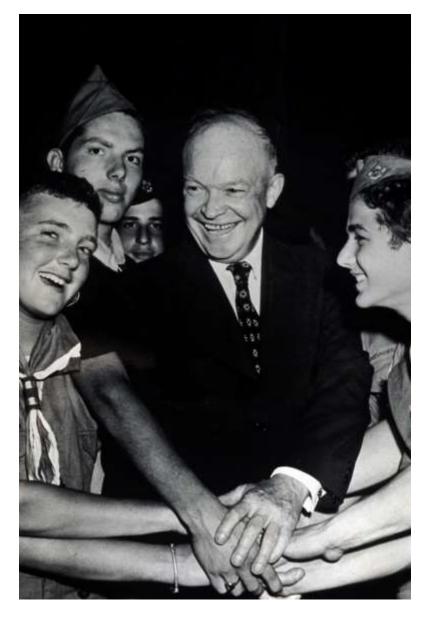


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Scouts' War Effort 1941–1945

Included 69 specific requests from the government Collected 30 million pounds of rubber during a two-week drive Distributed pledge cards for war bonds and savings stamps **Distributed stamp posters** Collected aluminum, wastepaper, and salvage **Conducted defense housing surveys** Distributed air-raid posters Served as messengers and dispatch bearers **Assisted emergency medical units** Served as fire watchers



Source: http://scouting.org/100years/100years/100yearsImages.aspx

1950-1959

2 million pounds of clothing collected for domestic and foreign relief, 1952

Distributed more than a million posters and 30 million Liberty Bell doorknob hangers in the Get-Out-the-Vote campaign, 1952



1970–1979 Scouting Keep America Beautiful Day June 5, 1971 Scouts collected more than a million tons of litter

1980-1989

First Scouting for Food National Good Turn, 1988 More than 60 million food items were collected

Helping Others

That's What We Do!



Photo Source: http://mtcbsa.org/assets/forms/JulyAugSept2010.pdf





Photo Source: Billy Tindall, MTC Volunteer

In Boy Scouts of **America**

Service does not mean

"Serve Us"!







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Nashville Cub Scouts Handing out Water During Flood Recovery Efforts

IDENTIFY THE NEED

"Good service project ideas match real community needs to the interests and skill level of a potential group of volunteers. Good ideas often come from service coordinators, volunteers, teachers, agencies, and other people in the community."



The Identification Process

Consider the following:

- Who will conduct the process?
- Is this a long-term or short-term project?
- Who are your partner and what do they know?
- How much time do I have to decide?
- How can the process help young people learn?



Source: The Points of Light Foundation

Service Project Ideas



A few ideas for Identifying Community Needs...

- Mind Mapping
- Conduct a survey
- Hold a community forum
- Interview senior citizens

...and a few more...

- Three wishes
- Watch the news
- Utopian towns
- I have a dream...
- Group goals
- Ask legislators
- 60-minute search

Content Source: The Points of Light Foundation Service Project Ideas

Photo source: http://www.dreamstime.com/stock-images



"Involving potential participants in the creation of the service project can increase the chances that activities meet real community needs while providing a rewarding leadership experience for young people. There are many methods to identifying community needs, so remember to consider your time frame, and the strengths of your group."

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Service Project Ideas



Once a need has been identified:

- Does the project fit the unit's resources?
- Plan, Plan and Plan Some More
- Make the project(s) FUN
- Include media promotion
- Say 'thank you' and offer recognition



Can the project fit the unit's resources?

- Every unit is not qualified to meet all needs
- Don't Set up for Failure

Plan, plan, and plan some more

- Project outline
- Dates, times, places and access
- Human resources
- Tools and supplies
- Project management



Make the project(s) FUN

- Find the fun in it!
- PMA
- Take breaks
- Add music
- Introduce new skills
- Insure variety

Include media promotion

- Provides Win³
- Media resources
- Say "thank you" and offer recognition

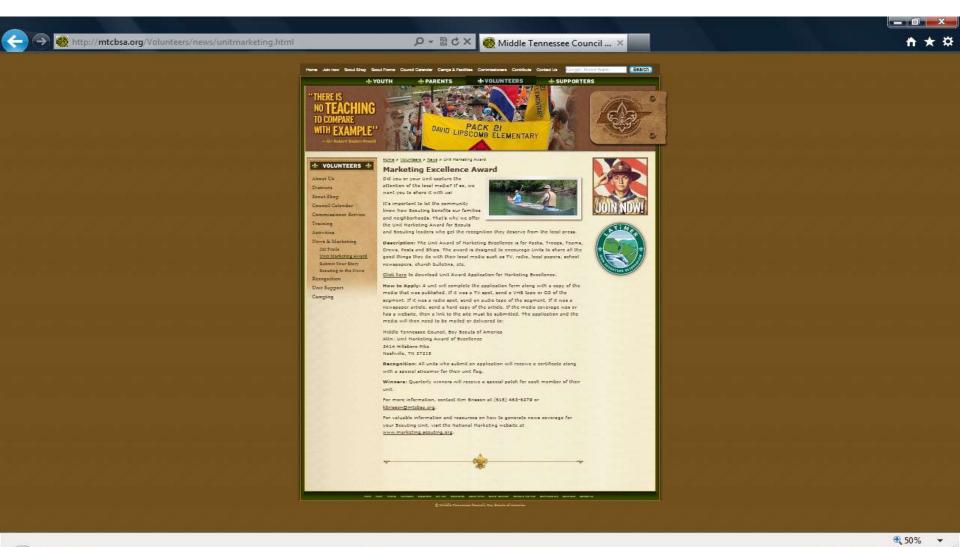


Trick Or Treating For Food

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Marketing Excellence Award





















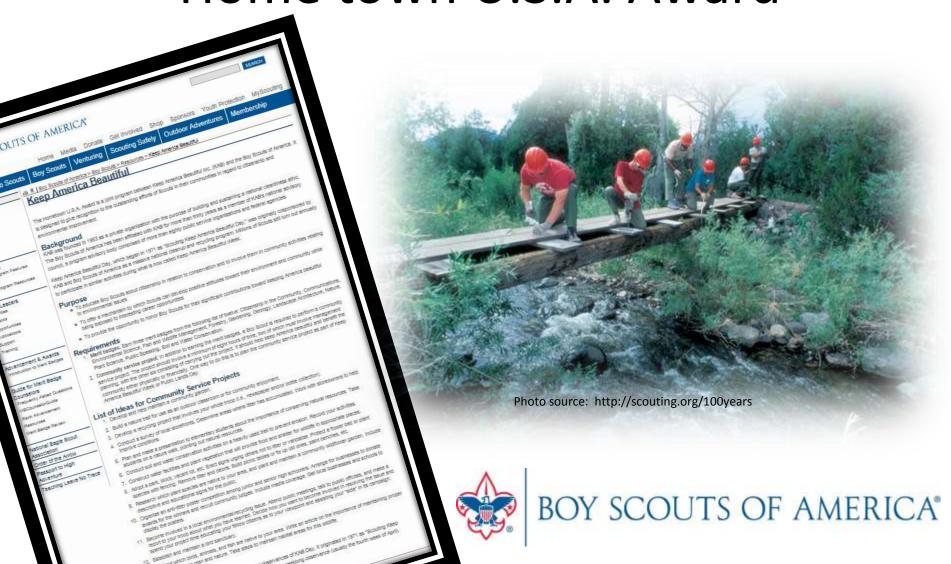


Conservation Good Turn





Keep America Beautiful Home town U.S.A. Award



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Volunteer Websites

- Kids Care Clubs
 - http://www.kidscare.org
- EPA Community Service Projects
 - http://www.epa.gov/wastes/education/pdfs/mad-guide.pdf
- Kid Activities
 - http://www.kidactivities.net/post/Community-Service-Ideas-for-Kids.aspx
- Volunteer Guide
 - http://volunteerguide.org/?gclid=CLG0742G6asCFcECQAodUUlHGw
- Keep America Beautiful
 - http://www.kab.org/site/PageServer?pagename=kids_zone
- Hands on Nashville
 - http://www.hon.org/HomePage/index.php/home.html

