

## Service Hours: Guidelines and Examples

The stated requirements for service hours are rather vague but do offer the following guidelines:

The project should be helpful to your religious institution, school, or your community. Routine labor (a job or service normally performed by members of that group), such as hall monitor or acolyte should not be considered.

The project should not benefit the BSA. Work involving Council property or other BSA activity is not permitted.

The work also may not be performed for a business or be of a commercial nature.

The Scout should not be paid for any of his work.

Some **examples** of acceptable Service Hour projects include:

- Assisting with an Eagle Scout Service Project
- The Troop's annual Park Partners cleanup activity
- Scouting for Food drive – bag distribution and pick-up
- PSU recycling
- Memorial Day March to the Cemetery / Flag Ceremony
- Arts Fest trash crew
- Serving as the honor guard for a non-BSA ceremony
- Boalsburg flag set-up and take-down
- Interfaith or Salvation Army bell-ringing
- Helping with community or church Easter egg hunts
- Bible School, Sunday School, or Day School teacher or helper
- Serving at a church dinner or special banquet
- Helping at the Food Bank
- Gift wrapping for Toys-for-Tots
- Helping at the Haunted Granary
- Helping at the Fire Hall's ham and turkey dinner
- Helping at PAWS – cleaning, feeding, animal care
- Helping with Meals-on-Wheels
- Working at Special Olympics
- Stan Yoder auction
- Church babysitting
- Ag Progress Days Lion's Club food booth helper
- Mulching or weeding a church or community playground
- Communion preparation
- Preparing gifts or notes to military personnel
- Native American dance demonstration at an elementary school
- Roadside clean-up