

Service Hour Guidelines

- 1) Service hours do not have to be a troop-sponsored event to count. All hours should be recorded in the back of your handbook.
- 2) Service should not usually be for a commercial (for profit) enterprise. Volunteering service for most non-profit organizations is acceptable.
- 3) The scout and/or their family should not benefit from it. So service for the family's country club or neighborhood pool association shouldn't count, because that's really benefitting yourself and your social circle.
- 4) The scout should not be getting anything from it. They shall not receive any remuneration for the service, (not referring to any refreshments received while doing the service). Also if it's "required" service for some other group (religious ed, school, NHS, etc.) then it generally shouldn't "double count" for scout advancement.
- 5) Service should not be of direct benefit to Scout's own unit.
- 6) OA ordeal hours of service should not count, but other voluntary OA service could be counted
- 7) Eagle Projects, by nature have already been preapproved, so any hours working on an Eagle Project would be counted.
- 8) Service hours should be approved by the SM, (ideally in advance).

When in doubt, ask the Scoutmaster.