



Join our community service project initiative to show the impact of Scouting in the Greater Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky area at the same time over the course of 60 days this Spring throughout April and May!

What is the Scout Impact Project?

The Scout Impact Project is a community service project initiative throughout the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area that will bring all of our units together in a collaborative effort at the same time to conduct meaningful, visible service projects of your choice over the course of 60 days in April or May! We suggest that you work with your chartered partner to show the strong spirit of Scouting and to make a difference in your local community. All Packs, Troops, Crews, and Ships are encouraged to participate. Make sure to discuss and choose your service projects with the help of your Scouts, committee, and charter organization.

Our goal is to collectively provide our communities of the tri-state area with thousands of community service hours!

Sign your unit up today and get your project planning started with these easy steps:

Step 1: Find a Project
We suggest you work with your chartered partner to find a service project. Your adult leaders, Scouts or the local government are good resources for ideas.

Step 2: Sign Up Your Unit
To enroll in the Scout Impact Project, visit www.DanBeard.org/Scout-Impact-Project and click on the Enroll button to participate.

Step 3: Recruit Volunteers
Anyone can assist with your unit's service project so reach out to friends, family, members of the community or your chartered organization. The possibilities are endless - be creative!

Step 4: Log Your Hours
Make sure to track and log your service hours for your service project and show your progress!

Step 5: Like the Facebook Page
For updates, connecting with other units, and sharing your service project progress, visit Facebook.com/DBCScoutImpactProject

Step 6: Share Your Project
Take photos of your team working on your service project and post frequent updates! Show the Before, During and After photos of the impact you are making in the community. Create a Facebook post and make sure to tag [@DBC Scout Impact Project](https://Facebook.com/DBCScoutImpactProject) with the hashtag [#scoutimpact](https://www.instagram.com/scoutimpact)



“A service project is a special Good Turn that puts Scout spirit into action.”

–The Boy Scout Handbook, 12th Edition, Page 84

How to Start a Project?

The Scout Oath includes the phrase “to help other people at all times,” which reminds us to always be of service to others. Begin planning your project by discussing various service ideas with your Scouts. Adult leaders, your charter organization, and the local government are also good resources for ideas. Projects will be more meaningful and fun if they are well-planned.

Your Project Should:

- **Be significant.** The project should be something important. When it’s done, everyone should be able to look back with satisfaction on an effort that has made a difference in your community.
- **Be democratic.** Scouts are more likely to buy into the project if they have taken an active part in selecting, planning, and organizing it.
- **Be clearly defined.** A project must have definite beginning and end points, with logical steps in between. A clear goal allows everyone to measure the progress along the way and increase everyone’s sense of participation and pride in a job well done.
- **Be well prepared.** This begins before the project starts. Ask these questions:
 - What’s the project’s purpose?
 - Who should be contacted as resources?
 - How many Scouts must be involved to complete the work in the allotted time?
 - What tools or resources are needed?
 - What safety issues must be addressed?
- **Be promoted.** Promote your project within your community. This will not only provide additional workers, but it will increase the visibility of Scouting and the community impact. Post on the Scout Impact Project Facebook page and share what your unit is doing to benefit your community!

How do I log my Service Hours?

First, you will need your unit ID and your unit ID. Go to www.danbeard.org/unit-service-hour-log. Volunteers with a My.Scouting account can also reach the Journey to Excellence service hour website by clicking on the service hours link on the left side of the screen in the “Unit Tools” and selecting “Service Hours Reporting.”

Partnerships

If you and your unit are having a difficult time deciding on a project, reach out to **People Working Cooperatively** to help get your project off the ground! For more information on the types of projects your unit can collaborate on with PWC, reach out to the Volunteer Program Manager, **Aaron Grant** at granta@pwchomerepairs.org or visit PWC volunteer page on www.pwchomerepairs.org.

Many Hands Make Light Work: Is your unit signed up for a large undertaking? Post to the Scout Impact Project Facebook page and offer the opportunity for other units in the Dan Beard Council to come out and help!