

4 Doing a Good Turn Daily

Independent Community Service

Scouts are encouraged to do a Good Turn every day of their lives and, through the Scout Law, pledge themselves to be "Helpful". Acquiring the habit of community and public service is an essential ingredient to development of responsible character and productive citizenship.

The Troop 4 Committee and Scoutmaster emphasize the importance of community service by establishing an annual goal for each Scout of at least 10 hours of service. Those Scouts with exceptional records of service are recognized at the Troop Court of Honor at the beginning of each calendar year.

Troop 4 schedules numerous community service projects for its Scouts throughout the year. Scouts may complete additional community service for credit on an independent basis by following the guidelines and procedures below:

What qualifies as independent community service

- The activity must involve service freely given (no pay or other remuneration to the Scout).
- The activity must be non-profit (the organization or agency cannot earn revenue above its expenses from the Scout's community service).
- The activity must provide a community benefit (no service for a personal benefit of someone, such as babysitting or yardwork at someone's home).
- The service must be substantial (no "make-work" or standing around will count).
- The Scout must do the work (training and observation will not count).

Safety

- On service projects, Scouts are not permitted to work with power tools, such as power saws, and are not allowed to work on high ladders or with dangerous materials.
- The parent is solely responsible for the Scout's safety as the project itself is not inspected, supervised or sanctioned by Troop 4. Troop 4 only recognizes the benefit to the community performed by the Scout's service.

Requesting credit for independent community service

- Make your request in advance of the event.
- Fill out the reverse side of this form and give it to the Scoutmaster.

Request for Independent Community Service Credit

Scout's Name

Date of Request

Brief description of proposed project (describe **what** Scout will do and **where** it will occur):

Organization or agency sponsoring the project or event

Name of Organization

Address of Organization (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

Name of Person in Charge

Person's Title in Organization

Parent Signature Acknowledging Safety Date
and Supervision

Scoutmaster's Approval Date

----- Complete Below This Line After the Event -----

The Scout completed _____ hours of community service on _____
Date

Signature of Person in Charge for Organization

Scout's Signature

Committee Use:

Accepted by Scoutmaster _____ Accepted by Committee _____ Recorded _____