

Service Hours Policy

Policy

For a service opportunity to be sanctioned, it must be available to all Scouts in the Troop, and either be included on the list of standing service opportunities below **or be pre-approved by the Advancement Chair, who may, at their discretion, seek advice from the Key Three.**

Many, but not all, standing service opportunities are age appropriate for FYP Scouts.

Therefore, an additional list of standing service opportunities is provided specifically for FYP Scouts that allows them to earn rank advancement in a timely manner. Service hours should fulfill one and only one scouting requirement, e.g., Citizenship in the Community service hours cannot also be used for rank advancement.

- Standing Service Hours Opportunities (must be organized by Troop leadership)
 - Eagle Scout service project participation
 - Pinewood Derby
 - Patrol Stream Clean-up
 - Scouting for Food
 - Caroling for Elders
 - Service projects in service of the Chartered Organization and other neighborhood schools
- Standing Service Hours Opportunities Specifically for FYP Scouts
 - FYP Assigned Stream Clean-up (Year-round)
 - P-104 Fall Carnival (October)
 - P-104 Rocket Day (November)
 - P-104 Pinewood Derby Tech Day (February)
- Merit Badge Opportunities will be discussed during the Merit Badge Class and called out specifically with input from the MBC.
- OA and Council service projects.

Procedures

The service opportunity process should occur as follows:

- If service hours are required as part of a merit badge the MB counselor is responsible for approving the hours.
- The Advancement Chair or designee will advertise standing service opportunities via Scoutbook emails and post them as events in the Scoutbook Calendar. The individual leader responsible for each event will plan accordingly with the Advancement Chair or designee.

- Each standing service hour opportunity must have an assigned leader responsible for tracking who was involved and for how long.
- For OA and Council service projects, event leadership verification is required.
- Within one week after the service hour opportunity is completed, the assigned leader must report to the Advancement Chair or designee the names and hours earned for those Scouts and adults involved so proper credit may be entered into Scoutbook in a timely manner by the Advancement Chair or designee.
- Participating Scouts must arrive on time to each service opportunity and be dressed in Scouting attire appropriate for the event (Class A or Class B).
- For service hours associated with Eagle Projects, all hours should be submitted to the Advancement Chair or designee within one week after each Eagle workday.
- Scouts or adults who are aware of other potential service opportunities other than Standing Service Hours Opportunities noted above should make their request to the Advancement Chair in advance, with at least a 4-week lead time, to allow for evaluation and advertising to the troop.