



The SERV Awards

(Scouting Excellence - Recognizing Volunteerism)



Service to others has been the heart and soul of Scouting since William Boyce met up with the Unknown Scout in the London fog. However, apart from the Eagle Award, individual Scouts are not properly recognized for their hours of service. The Community Service Committee of the Patriots' Path Council has established a whole new service awards program called **SERV** which will recognize all participants in council programs each year for their hours of public service performed as a Scout. This will encourage all to participate in more service projects and will encourage units to properly report their hours. Local communities will benefit. More service = more positive public exposure.

How It Will Work – **SERV** will be implemented by the advancement chair of each unit. Service hours will be reported by Scouts each year and the appropriate award will be purchased at the Scout shop and presented at Courts of Honor, pack meetings, etc. The program will be established on a December 1st to November 30th basis to facilitate reporting to The Journey to Excellence program. This permanent display award will encourage everyone to serve more!



Annual Program – A Scout, Explorer, Venturer or adult can earn a pin based on their hours of service in each calendar year.

Bronze-8 hours/Silver-12 hours/Gold-20 hours

(Cub Scouts: Bronze-4 hours/Silver-6 hours/Gold-10 hours)

These pins can be worn above the Scout uniform pocket. As years go by, Scouts can wear multiple pins.



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Requirements:

1. Hours are counted from December 1st to November 30th.
2. Service must be of a purely community nature where other recognition or awards are not offered, including rank and civic awards. Service hours required by schools, places of worship, and service organizations (Interact, Key Club, etc.) should not be applied to the SERV award.
3. Service may not be done on Scout council property.
4. Service must be for an organization, group or the public and not for Scouting.
5. Service must be such that no monetary remuneration, directly or indirectly, is paid to the Scout, unit, district or group that the Scout is working with.
6. The award is available to participants in all of the council's programs; Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, leaders and parents.

Procedure:

1. Each person keeps an individual record on an Application Form.
2. By November 30th, each person submits their Application Form to their unit advancement chair.
3. By December 31st, the unit advancement chair reports hours through the Community Service Committee Page at www.ppbsa.org. If some of an individual's hours have already been reported as part of a unit project, do not report these again. We do not want to report the same hours twice.
4. The appropriate award will be requested and purchased at the Scout shop and presented at Courts of Honor, pack meetings, etc.

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