

Presidential Volunteer Service Award Program Boy Scout Troop 283

Award Descriptions: All hours are to cover a 12-month period. The age during the majority of the 12-month period will determine the age category of the award. For example, if a boy turns 15 in January and the deadline is March then he would be eligible for the kids award since he was 14 for 10 months and 15 for 2 months of that 12-month period.

Kids - Age 14 & under

Bronze level: 50 to 74 hours

Silver level: 75-99 hours

Gold level: 100 hours or more

Young adults - 15 to 25 years

Bronze level: 100-174 hours

Silver level: 175-249 hours

Gold level: 250 hours or more

Adults - 25 years and older

Bronze level: 100-249 hours

Silver level: 250-499 hours

Gold level: 500 hours or more

Families & Groups (two of more people) - each person has to serve at least 25 hours or more

Bronze level: 200-499 hours

Silver level: 500-999 hours

Gold level: 1000 hours or more

President's Call to Service Award: all ages, 4,000 hours or more over a lifetime

Award Categories:

1) Youth Achievement:

Includes volunteer activities such as mentoring, coaching, tutoring, improving literacy in areas such as reading and finance, and volunteering to keep young people engaged academically in education.

2) Parks and Open Spaces:

Includes volunteer efforts to conserve and protect our parklands and gardens, neighborhood cleanups and creating safe playgrounds. It also includes creating safe and meaningful experiences and outdoor activities for individuals to enjoy the environment and our natural resources.

3) Healthy Communities:

Includes volunteer efforts to help the elderly, disabled, diseased, hungry or homeless, and to improve the economic health of the community. These could include volunteering for health and nutrition education services, immunization campaigns, resume building, career training, disease screenings, hospital support, blood drives, veterans outreach, working with local public health programs, micro-enterprise and business development.

4) Public Safety & Emergency Response

Includes volunteer efforts for individuals and families to make their homes, and their communities safer from the threats of crime, terrorism, and disasters of all kinds. It includes preparedness training, volunteer firefighters, and the Citizen Corps programs like Citizen Corps Councils, Neighborhood Watch, Medical Reserve Corps, Volunteers in Police Service and CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams).

Guidelines

- 1) Keep record of all services, dates performed, and what was done.
- 2) Service activities need to meet one of the categories above.
- 3) All service activities for an award need to take place within a 12-month period. For our troop the time period is March 1 to Feb 28/29.
- 4) All activities need to be unpaid and may not include court-ordered community service.
- 5) Service hours during a particular period can only apply for one individual Presidential Volunteer Service Award.
- 6) All individuals can sign up to have their hours also count as part of the group award. Each participant needs a minimum of 25 hours to be included in the group award.
- 7) Parent hours: Parents can apply for an individual award or as part of a group award.

Types of Service Hours:

Hours spent on the following activities can count toward the service award:

Eagle projects

Highway or park clean-up

Merit badge counseling

Time spent collecting for charity organizations (example, Scouting for food)

Time spent conducting board of reviews

Parents who drive and attend troop activities

Types of Service Hours that do NOT count:

School activities such as yearbook unless you are a parent volunteer

Work done for relatives

Work done for your own eagle project

See Angela Birnbaum if you have a question as to the eligibility of service hours.

Instructions for signing up for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award via the web

Those that are 15yrs old or older may enter the data themselves. Those that are <15yrs old must have a parent enter data into the national data base.

1. Go to www.troop283.net and click "track your service hours" on the lower left column.
2. Click on "National Data Base".
3. Sign in - Provide your profile information and a password. If you are <15 yrs old a parent must enter their own name on the sign in screen and click Yes , I am greater than 15 yrs old. This will allow you to continue to enter data. No one under 15 is allowed to enter data in to the database. Later parents can then enter the younger Scouts name and correct age after completing the sign on screen.
4. Click "Create my Record of Service" at the bottom of screen.
5. Click the "Profile" tab at the top of the screen . Under profile fill out the information for the scout and also for other family members.
Under "Your Certifying Organization", enter: RCX-14463
Then click on "Update Profile" at the bottom of your screen.
6. Click the "Groups" tab at the top of your screen.
enter our Group Key # KHD-266Z and click "Join Group"
Your name will appear along with others from Troop 283.
7. Start recording your hours under the "My Service" tab.

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