

## **CAC 2016 Good Turn in November Information and Resources**

Capitol Area Council Scouters and Leaders,

Good Turn in November helps Central Texas youth create a lifetime of great memories as they participate in Scouting service projects.

Information and resources to help scouts and scouting units participate in Good Turn in November are offered in this article. It covers:

**The Story of Do a Good Turn Daily**

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**Good Turn Unit Checklist**

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Participating in Good Turn in November creates opportunities for Scouts to experience how good it feels to help other people as they begin developing life-long service to others habits.

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## **The Story of Do a Good Turn Daily**

How Scouting Started in the United States

One day in 1909 in London, England, an American visitor, William D. Boyce, lost his way in a dense fog. He stopped under a street lamp and tried to figure out where he was. A boy approached him and asked if he could be of help.

"You certainly can," said Boyce. He told the boy that he wanted to find a certain business office in the center of the city.

"I'll take you there," said the boy.

When they got to the destination, Mr. Boyce reached into his pocket for a tip, but the boy stopped him. "No thank you, sir. I am a Scout. I won't take anything for helping."

"A Scout? And what might that be?" asked Boyce.

The boy told the American about himself and about his brother scouts. Boyce became very interested. After finishing his errand, he had the boy take him to the British Scouting office.

At the office, Boyce met Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the famous British general who had founded the Scouting movement in Great Britain. Boyce was so impressed with what he learned that he decided to bring Scouting home with him.

On February 8, 1910, Boyce and a group of outstanding leaders founded the Boy Scouts of America. From that day forth, Scouts have celebrated February 8 as the birthday of Scouting in the United States.

What happened to the boy who helped Mr. Boyce find his way in the fog? No one knows. He had neither asked for money nor given his name, but he will never be forgotten. His Good Turn helped bring the Scouting movement to our country.

In the British Scout Training Center at Gilwell Park, England, scouts from the United States erected a statue of an American Buffalo in honor of this unknown scout. One Good Turn to one man became a Good Turn to millions of American Boys. Such is the power of a good turn.

### **New Partnership Helps Units Find Good Turn in November Service Projects**

Capital Area Council's Good Turn in November is supported by Just Serve, [www.justserve.org](http://www.justserve.org), which matches non-profit organizations with volunteers. This service helps scouts throughout the Capital Area Council make a difference in their community, wherever they are.

Do a Good Turn in November honors an act of kindness in 1909 in London, England, that was the catalyst for bringing the Scouting movement to America.

How you can participate in Good Turn

Parents, Scouters, Unit and District Leaders following these steps makes it easy to participate in Good Turn in November.

- 1) Add Do a Good Turn in November to your unit calendars.
- 2) Encourage scouts and unit leaders to review [www.justserve.org](http://www.justserve.org).
- 3) Challenge scouts to select a November service project for your unit.
- 4) Promote this service opportunity to your scouts and parents.
- 5) Encourage scouts to participate in a Good Turn in November as a strategy to complete their required rank advancement service hours.

Need answers about Justserve.org > Contact Mick Thurber ( [mickthurber@gmail.com](mailto:mickthurber@gmail.com) )

### **Good Turn for Central Texas Unit Checklist**

#### **Done**

- ☐ Commit to participate in the 2016 Good Turn for Central Texas
- ☐ Pick a recipient organization to benefit from your unit's service:

- Visit the council service opportunity webpage:  
[http://www.bsacac.org/activities/service\\_projects](http://www.bsacac.org/activities/service_projects)
- Visit 2016 Good Turn sponsoring agency **Just Serve** for organizations in your area that have projects. <https://www.justserve.org/>

(create a user account and password to access the partner list)

- Contact an organization to support such as a church, school, food pantry, or a non-profit organization in your community to support.
- Contact your Unit's Chartering Organization to provide service.
- ☐ Contact the recipient organization and arrange the date and logistics for providing service for the benefit of the organization.
- ☐ Select date (**November is the suggested month**)
- ☐ Share the history of how the Good Turn led to the founding of Scouting in America with your Scouts. Promote your Good Turn within your unit (Unit newsletter, unit presentations, article in church bulletin, school promotions etc.)
- ☐ **Share pictures and stories about your unit's Good Turn on the CAC Facebook page and Just Serve website.**
- ☐ Report the total number of participating Scouts and Adults and the total hours on the Journey to Excellence <https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx>
- ☐ Communicate with your Good Turn for Central Texas District Coordinator as needed.

### **Good Turn for Central Texas District Coordinator Job Description**

**TIMEFRAME:** Now – December, 2015

**RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICE:** Every District needs a Good Turn Coordinator or Designee

### **WHAT Good Turn for Central Texas District Coordinator ARE EXPECTED TO DO:**

- A) NOW** - Contact every unit (Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Team, Venturing Crew, Sea Scout Ship) in your district and:
  - 1- Make sure each unit knows about our council's Good Turn in November program.
  - 2- Ask unit leadership to recruit a unit coordinator. (Optimally this is accomplished prior to May 31 school dismissal before Summer; so can begin logistics when school reconvenes)
- B) By October 15** - Contact every unit in your district to:
  - 1- Confirm their unit Good Turn in November chair's contact information

2- Confirm what Good Turn the unit intends to conduct.

**C) October & November Roundtables** – Chair district’s Good Turn in November roundtables, share information, and support your unit Good Turn Chairs.

**D) By December 1** – Contact every participating unit in your district to ensure they recorded their Good Turn in November projects and service hours. Create a report that summarizes their type of good turn, number of hours, and number of Scouts who participated. Prepare the district “Good Turn Report” which will be used to develop individual, unit, district and council recognition information. **Council Good Turn in November Overview, Information and Resources**

### **Council Good Turn in November Overview, Information and Resources**

**Good Turn in November** celebrates an unknown scout whose good deed led to founding the Boy Scouts of America

Units are encouraged to identify and organize their own Good Turn Projects

Good Turn Projects are listed on the Just Serve website @ [www.justserve.org](http://www.justserve.org)

Possible Community Service Projects are listed on the CAC website @ [http://www.bsacac.org/activities/service\\_projects](http://www.bsacac.org/activities/service_projects)

Conservation Good Turn Project ideas are listed on the BSA website @ <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/Resources/ConservationGoodTurn.aspx>

### **Good Turn Program Elements**

Councils, Districts and Units recruit their Good Turn Coordinators by September.

Good Turn Coordinators develop plans that focus their Council, Districts and Units on doing Good Turn projects during November.

Unit Good Turn Coordinators jump start service projects that can help scouts complete their advancement requirements.

Service Hours are required for advancement and JTE.

Good Turn projects can be designed to help Scouts complete their advancement requirements and help units achieve their best possible JTE rating.

Good Turn can be used as a training model to help units report their service hours’ year round

Eagle Project Service hours are reported by CAC

### **Interesting Factoid**

Scouts in the Order of the Arrow lead youth and adults as they contribute more than 6,000 hours of service working on nearly 100 projects each year at Lost Pines and Cub World during spring and fall assembly.

### **Use Journey to Excellence Service portal port to Report Projects and Service Hours for your Units Good Turn in November Activity**

#### **Scouting's Journey to Excellence Portal >**

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx>

CAC challenges every Scout and every leader to provide service to central Texas in the month of November and report the number of scouts, Leader and volunteers service hours year round.

Units and Scouts are asked to complete any Good Turn project they desire for their local community.

Supporting agency projects like local food pantries, local school book donations, clothing and toy drives, etc. are encouraged.

Scouts are encouraged to consider supporting the needs of Mobile Loaves and Fishes, Capital Area Food Bank, Good Will, Brown and Blue Santa, Rotary's Service Austin and others too numerous to mention,

Multiple agencies need our members to continue the tradition of helping other people and our neighbors during the month of November.

#### **It is really simple, Do a Good Turn in November and report your service project and hours on the Journey to Excellence Service portal >**

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx>

#### **CONTINUE REPORTING ALL SERVICE HOURS YEAR ROUND FOR JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE**

To reach JTE "Gold" status for Journey to Excellence, Cub Scout Packs and Sea Scout Ships must report four service projects each year. Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Teams and Venturing Crews must report six service projects each year.

#### **Service Reporting Instructions >**

[http://www.bsacac.org/my\\_files/documents/jte\\_service\\_reporting\\_instructions.pdf](http://www.bsacac.org/my_files/documents/jte_service_reporting_instructions.pdf)

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Whatever Good Turn projects the Council, Districts and Units do in November; they should be viewed as an opportunity to teach Scouts the value of and heritage of Good Turn dating back to the unknown Scout, William Boyce and the founding of BSA in 1910.

#### **Reporting Service Hours is Part of Scouting's Journey to Excellence**

"Scouting's Journey to Excellence" is the BSA's council performance recognition program designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of our units, districts, and councils.

**Service Projects** > <https://servicehours.scouting.org>

Journey to Excellence Service Hours Information:

[Service hours website](#)  >

[New user instructions](#) 

[Unit Tips for Success](#)

[Council Tips for Success](#)

[Sample Reports](#)

[Service Hours Worksheet](#) 

[Running Service Hour Reports from ScoutNET](#) 

[JTE Dashboard Service Hours versus ScoutNET Service Hours](#) 

### **Boy Scout service hour requirements increased in 2016**

Beginning in 2016, a young man who advances from Scout to Eagle Scout will complete at least 18 hours of service — not including those hours spent on his Eagle Scout service project. That's five more hours than before.

Service hours aren't cumulative. In other words, the hour of service used for Tenderfoot only counts toward Tenderfoot. A Scout cannot, for example, also count that hour as one of the two he needs for Second Class.

### **New Boy Scout service requirements**

**Tenderfoot, requirement 7b:** One hour of service (up from zero)

Participate in a total of one hour of service in one or more service projects approved by your Scoutmaster. Explain how your service to others relates to the Scout slogan and Scout motto.

**Second Class, requirement 8e:** Two hours of service (up from one)

Participate in two hours of service through one or more service projects approved by your Scoutmaster. Tell how your service to others relates to the Scout Oath.

**First Class, requirement 9d:** Three hours of service (up from zero)

Participate in three hours of service through one or more service projects approved by your Scoutmaster. The project(s) must not be the same service project(s) used for Tenderfoot requirement 7b and Second Class requirement 8e. Explain how your service to others relates to the Scout Law.

**Star, requirement 4:** Six hours of service (same as before)

While a First Class Scout, participate in six hours of service through one or more service projects approved by your Scoutmaster.

**Life, requirement 4:** Six hours of service, at least three of which are conservation-related (changed from six hours, period)

While a Star Scout, participate in six hours of service through one or more service projects approved by your Scoutmaster. At least three hours of this service must be conservation-related.

Eagle Scout: The Eagle Scout service project (same as before)

While a Life Scout, plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community. (The project must benefit an organization other than the Boy Scouts of America.)

Service Projects Listed at CAC Website > [http://www.bsacac.org/activities/service\\_projects](http://www.bsacac.org/activities/service_projects)

**HAVE A PROJECT FOR SCOUTS?  
CLICK THIS BOX TO SUBMIT YOUR PROJECT**

Projects with no specific timeframe

Search for additional service ideas

[Austin Parks Foundation](#)

[Capital Area Food Bank](#)

[Goodwill Industries of Central Texas](#)

[Habitat for Humanity \(Austin\)](#)

[Habitat for Humanity \(San Marcos\)](#)

[Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County](#)

[Hands On Central Texas](#) (serving Greater Austin)

[Hays County Food Bank](#)

[Hill Country Volunteer Connection](#)

[Hill Country Conservancy](#)

[Keep Austin Beautiful](#)

[San Marcos River Foundation](#)

[Texas State Parks](#)

[The Volunteer Center](#) (part of the Round Rock Serving Center)

**Conservation Good Turns Are Great Unit Projects**

Since 1910, conservation has been an integral part of the program of the Boy Scouts of America. The BSA has been a positive force in conservation and environmental efforts. Scouts have rendered distinguished public service by helping to conserve wildlife, energy, forests, soil, and water. Past generations of Scouts have been widely recognized for undertaking conservation Good Turn action projects in their local communities.



Scouts of today have grown up hearing words such as ecosystem, biodiversity, and climate change. They recognize the need for, and the benefits of, conserving natural resources. Scouts understand that we all must work together for the betterment of the land, forests, wildlife, air, and water.

Much has been accomplished in recent years by individual Scouts and through unit conservation Good Turns. Much more needs to be done.

### **Support Your Local Conservationists**

The Conservation Good Turn is an opportunity for Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, and Venturing crews to join with conservation or environmental organizations (federal, state, local, or private) to carry out a conservation Good Turn in their home communities.

- ▶ The Scouting unit contacts a conservation agency and offers to carry out a Good Turn project.
- ▶ The agency identifies a worthwhile and needed project that the unit can accomplish.
- ▶ Working together in the local community, the unit and the agency plan the details and establish the date, time, and location for carrying out the project.

### **Participating Agencies**

Many federal agencies are resources for the BSA's Conservation Good Turn. These agencies include

- ▶ U.S. Department of Agriculture
- ▶ Natural Resources Conservation Service
- ▶ Forest Service
- ▶ Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service
- ▶ U.S. Department of the Interior
- ▶ Fish and Wildlife Service
- ▶ Bureau of Land Management
- ▶ National Park Service
- ▶ Geological Survey
- ▶ Bureau of Indian Affairs
- ▶ Bureau of Reclamation



- ▶ U.S. Department of Commerce
- ▶ National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- ▶ U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

## Recognitions

A Conservation Good Turn certificate is available at the council service center for units that participate and report on their efforts. A Conservation Good Turn patch is also available for purchase at the council service center to recognize individual youth and adult members who participate in a meaningful conservation project.

The World Conservation Award provides another opportunity for individual Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers to "think globally" and "act locally" to preserve and improve our environment. This program is designed to make Scouts and Venturers aware that all nations are closely related through natural resources and that we are interdependent with our world environment. Applications for this award are available at the council service center.



## Project Ideas

Conservation and environmental agencies typically have a backlog of needed projects that they have been unable to carry out for lack of funding or volunteers. The list of possible Good Turn projects is limited only by the needs of the agency and the willingness of the Scouting unit. In every community, whether urban, suburban, or rural, worthwhile projects await all Scouting units.

## Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts

Cub Scouting conservation projects should involve the entire Cub Scout pack, each den, adult leaders, and family members. Hands-on projects help Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts realize that everyone can do things to care for the environment. Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts participating in the Conservation Good Turn can also meet some advancement requirements. Suggested projects include, but are not limited to

- ▶ Plant grasses, trees, shrubs, and ground cover to stop soil erosion.
- ▶ As a den or pack, adopt a park. Remove litter and garbage from a favorite neighborhood recreation area or park.
- ▶ Organize or participate in a recycling program in your neighborhood, or visit a recycling center.
- ▶ Arrange a natural resources awareness program. Invite natural resource professionals such as wildlife biologists, soil conservationists, foresters, or conservation officers to speak to your pack.



- ▶ Participate in a beach or waterfront cleanup. Record the items collected and determine the possible harmful effects to wildlife. With youth participation, develop a plan to educate the public about the dangers posed to wildlife.
- ▶ From a local, state, or national organization that is concerned about environmental protection, obtain suggestions for den and pack projects to improve the environment.
- ▶ As a den or pack, visit a public utility to learn about the wise use of resources, and become involved in programs offered by utilities to help consumers conserve resources.
- ▶ Contact the camp ranger or BSA local council property superintendent for information about camp needs and plans. Establish a nature trail, plant vegetation, or carry out other needed projects as requested by the camp ranger.

### **Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers**

Scouts participating in the Conservation Good Turn can meet certain rank and merit badge requirements.

Troops and teams should consider advancement requirements when selecting projects to carry out. Suggested projects include, but are not limited to

- ▶ Plant shrubs to provide food and cover for wildlife.
- ▶ Build and set out bird and squirrel nesting boxes.
- ▶ Conduct stream improvement projects to prevent erosion.
- ▶ Plant grasses and legumes to provide ground cover in schoolyards, public parks, and recreation areas.
- ▶ Plant tree seedlings as part of a managed forestry plan.
- ▶ Help thin and prune woodlands in a managed tree improvement project.
- ▶ With a local forester, take part in or conduct a forest fire prevention program.
- ▶ Make an exhibit on conservation for a county fair.
- ▶ Develop a nature trail in a public park.
- ▶ Assist a local forester in a tree insect- and disease-control or public education project.
- ▶ Assist a local agency with a trout stream restoration project.
- ▶ Participate in a wildlife or wildfowl count.
- ▶ Conduct a rodent-control and public health education program under the guidance of the local health department or agency responsible for rodent control.



### **Hornaday Awards**

The William T. Hornaday Awards program encourages and recognizes units, Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters who design, lead, and carry out conservation projects that are based on sound scientific principles and practices. The projects should contribute to sound conservation and environmental improvement in the local community, the region, or the nation. The applicant is expected to research potential projects and to choose, with guidance from a Hornaday adviser, a worthy project from a recognized conservation category:



- Energy conservation
- Soil and water conservation
- Fish and wildlife management
- Forestry and range management
- Air and water pollution control
- Resource recovery (recycling)
- Hazardous material disposal and management
- Invasive species control

Seven types of Hornaday awards are available. The local council may present:

- The William T. Hornaday unit certificate for a conservation project by a pack, troop, team, or crew
- The Hornaday badge to individual Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers for outstanding service in conservation
- The Hornaday gold badge to adult Scouters who have given significant leadership to conservation at a council or district level

The National Council confers the other awards.

Scouts and Venturers may apply for the bronze and silver medals.


Adult Scouters may be nominated for the gold medal.

Organizations unaffiliated with Scouting may be nominated for the gold certificate.

For more information on the William T. Hornaday Awards program, visit

<http://old.scouting.org/awards/hornaday>

### **Certificate Application**

Download the [Conservation Good Turn Certificate Application](#) . When completed, submit the application to your local council service center.

### **Keeping Track of Your Units Journey to Excellence Service Hours**

#### **Enter Service Hours Online**

The National Council, has a convenient, online way to track all those service hours logged by units. Every unit performs service, whether they realize it or not. Many units do things like annual clean-ups or service projects for their chartered organizations or the school they are associated with. Plus they

participate in campaigns like clothing, blood, disaster recovery, food, shelter and other community drives. These are service hours that can be reported.

It is important for all units to track their service hours so that as a Scouting movement, we can show our communities the positive impact our youth members are making.

You can enter your unit's service hours at

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx>.

### **Reaching for Gold**

As part of Scouting's Journey to Excellence, please note that all units must enter their service hours at this site.

You will need a code to enter your hours. This code is the same one used for reporting advancement online.

If you have questions or difficulty logging your service hours, please contact your district executive or district Good Turn in November chair.