



NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA SCOUTING

Adopt-a-School Program

Proposal to Leaders





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Benefits to the Community

The **Adopt-a-School** program of National Capital Area Council, BSA (NCAC) was established to build strong, sustaining relationships with our local schools, creating thousands of lasting community partnerships across the DMV. Through committed volunteer efforts — from school cleanup and landscaping to Scouts' active participation in school events throughout the year. With your help and commitment NCAC intends to provide a defined presence in our schools.



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About

The National Capital Area Council, BSA Adopt-a-School program is an exciting and comprehensive undertaking that will connect our Scouting programs across the DMV with schools in their communities. Participating Scouting units will partner with school administrations and offer the volunteer services that most effectively meet their school's needs within clearly-defined guidelines. With each unit offering their school a minimum one-year commitment, our intent is to create a mutual and meaningful community relationship that will bring significant positive changes within the schools. Units may use their service hours to count toward Journey to Excellence progress.



Project Scope

The National Capital Area Council, BSA Adopt-a-School is a project designed to proactively address our community/school relationships. Often we are made aware of significant access issues related to promoting and recruiting youth from within specific school systems. When the proverbial doors are closed, we endeavor to figure out additional means for youth recruitment.



The Adopt-a-School program is a process by which we can begin to address this issue and begin true community development work. It truly is a win-win situation for both Scouting and our schools.



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Volunteer Ideas

- Grounds Beautification
- Building Improvement
- Giving Tree Coordination
- Helpers during Festivals
- Book Drive Coordination
- Food Drive Coordination
- Green Effort Coordination
- Literacy Program
- Teacher Appreciation
- Cleaning up after School Events



Frequently Asked Questions

- What is the time commitment?
 - We request a year's commitment, but our hope is to build strong sustained relationships.
- How much time is expected to be given?
 - At least 1 service project each school year.
- What commitment is expect from the school?
 - We expect the school representatives to be cooperative in identifying their needs and helping outline the projects that will best satisfy those needs.
- Can the Unit or School opt out if the commitment is not working?
 - Yes, but we hope both parties will do everything possible to honor the one-year pledge.





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Unit Adopt-a-School Chair Position Description

Position: Unit Adopt a School Chair

Reports To: Unit Committee Chair

Supervises: Adopt-a-School Unit Service Project(s)

Primary Functions: To coordinate Unit participation in Adopt-a-School!

Major Duties and Responsibilities:

- Secure commitment(s) for Unit participation in Adopt-a-School
- Attend Scheduled Adopt-a-School Chair meetings
- Bring awareness of the program to the Unit through social media messaging, newsletter or email promotion, and Unit committee meetings
- Bring awareness of the program to community through social media, news media, etc. to help promote the image of scouting
- Provide resources to help facilitate communications with schools, families, and community
- Coordinate with District Adopt-a-School Chair to insure your unit had resources to engage with and recruit new youth at Adopt-a-School
- Coordinate day of support (unit level, commissioners, professional staff, etc.) to thank families for their involvement

Critical elements of the Position:

- Good Communication Skills
- Organization
- Passion about community service and/or school relationships

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Service Hour Reporting

A service project is a special Good Turn that puts Scout spirit into action. Projects can take many forms such as a community cleanup, repairing a place of worship, improving a wildlife habitat, or organizing a recycling effort. Start now reporting all service hours. It is a key measurement goal in the Journey to Excellence program. Don't miss out on valuable points for your JTE unit award.

Please scan the QR code below or visit [NCAC Adopt-a-School Service Hour Reporting](#) to record your Unit's Adopt-a-School service project hours.

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Adopt-a-School Initiative: Service
Hour Reporting



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 Pledge Letter

We, _____, pledge to adopt _____ for a period of one school year, beginning _____. We will fulfill our commitment by completing a minimum of one volunteer service project by spring break through the time and talent of our Scouts and Scouters. We look forward to working with the principal and staff to identify the school's needs and establish a plan that will bring meaningful progress.

We are honored to serve in this way, and through volunteer service we hope to contribute to the advancement of this school and to the spirit of community between our scouts and our adopted school. At the end of the year, the unit and school will both receive a certificate recognizing completed projects and the year's overall success.

Our Project(s) will be:

To be completed by:

 Unit Type and Number

 School Name

 Unit Leader Name

 School Principal Name

 Unit Leader Signature

 School Principal Signature

 Unit Leader Email

 School Principal Email

<p>National Capital Area Council Office</p> <p>Received Date: _____</p>

Please scan a copy of this completed pledge letter to Keenan Pallone at
Keenan.Pallone@Scouting.org



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Unit Signup Form

Please scan the QR code below or visit [NCAC's Adopt-a-School Initiative: Unit Signup Form](#) to participate in this amazing opportunity to give back to our local communities!

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Adopt-a-School Initiative: Unit
Signup Form



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