



NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA SCOUTING

Adopt-a-School Program

Proposal to Leaders





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Benefits to the Community

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About

Scouting America National Capital Area Council Adopt-a-School program is an exciting and comprehensive undertaking that will connect our Scouting programs located across the DMV with schools in their communities. Participating Scouting units partner with school administrations and offer the volunteer services that will most effectively meet their school's needs with clearly-defined guidelines. Each unit will offer a minimum one-year commitment to the school. Our intent is to create a mutual and meaningful community relationship that will bring significant positive changes within the schools.



Project Scope

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These cooperative efforts are aimed at helping schools meet their goals for student achievement and success while proactively addressing the local community's/ school's need for volunteer service and community outreach.

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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 expected 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

National Capital Area Council Office

Received Date: _____

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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