



Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal



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Eagle Scout Requirement 5

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 Boy Scouting.) A project proposal must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, your unit leader and unit committee, and the council or district before you start. You must use the *Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook*, No. 512-927, in meeting this requirement.

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Project Description and Benefit

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Briefly describe the project. Attach sketches or “before” photographs if these will help others visualize it.

The project is simple: I endeavor to create an outdoor classroom (dubbed the “Outdoor Wilderness Learning Zone” or “OWLZ”) at Hilltop Elementary School in Mendham, NJ. It will entail a nature trail and several cleared and designated areas for classroom environments.

Tell how your project will be helpful to the beneficiary. Why is it needed?

This project is to benefit the Hilltop School community but specifically their environmental club and advisor Amanda Sherwin.

When do you plan to begin work on the project? As soon as I get approval.

How long do you think it will take to complete?

Giving Leadership

Approximately how many people will be needed to help on your project? 30-35

Where will you recruit them (unit members, friends, neighbors, family, others)? Explain:

I am hoping to get volunteers from the school community (with the assistance of the HELP club), family, friends, teachers, and other scouts. Hopefully, there will be a large group of people ready to volunteer.

What do you think will be most difficult about leading them?

There are also a lot of things to get done, so I shall have to assign “work details”: groups of people who are dedicated to specific goals. I shall also have to disseminate information to volunteers on what tools and materials they need to bring on the day(s) of the project. There will be small kids there as well as their parents and some elderly people might show up as well. Finding jobs for them to do is not hard, but tailoring the jobs to their age group will be.

Materials

(Materials are things that become part of the finished project, such as lumber, nails, and paint.)

What types of materials, if any, will you need? You do not yet need a detailed list of exact quantities, but you must show you have a reasonable idea of what is required.

Piece of plywood 4’x5’, outdoor chalkboard paint (\$20), bird feeders (\$20 per), engraved/printed plaques (\$50), paint (many colours), nails

Supplies

(Supplies are things you use up, such as masking tape, tarps, and garbage bags.)

What kinds of supplies, if any, will you need? You do not yet need a detailed list or exact quantities, but you must show you have a reasonable idea of what is required.

Garbage bags (\$40), bright spray-paint (\$6), marking flags (\$7.09/100), caution tape (\$10)

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Tools

What kinds of tools, if any, will you need?

Volunteers will bring: Chainsaws, rakes, shovels, gloves (buy some for \$2/pair), hedge trimmers (shears), wheelbarrows, safety goggles

Permits and Permissions

(Note that property owners normally secure permits.)

Will you need to secure permissions or permits (for example, building permits)? Who will obtain them? How much will they cost? How long will it take to secure them?

I may need permits to allow community members to use chainsaws on school property. Mr. McDougal said he does not believe there will be any other permits needed.

Preliminary Cost Estimate

(You do not need exact costs. Reviewers will just want to see if you can reasonably expect to raise enough money to cover an initial estimate of expenses.)

(Enter your estimated expenses) **Fundraising** *Explain where you will get the money for total costs indicated below, left.*

Items	Cost	
Materials	150	My main source of funds is going to be donations from families in the school district. These will mainly go towards offsetting the "Other" costs (food, water, gasoline, etc). To obtain materials, supplies and tools I will approach Home Depot and Lowes for donations (or mark-downs on prices). I will also sell plaques with family's names on them to raise money for the path, and also approach the Rotary Club and the American Legion Post #342 for monetary contributions.
Supplies	80	
Tools	20	
Other*	300	
Total costs:	550	

**Such costs as food, water, gasoline, parking, permits, equipment rental, sales tax, etc.*

Project Phases

Think of your project in terms of phases and list what they might be. The first might be to complete your final plan. Others might include fundraising, preparation, execution, and reporting. You may have as many phases as you want, but it is not necessary to become overly complicated.

1. Investigate boundary lines between Hilltop School (Mendham Borough Board of Education) and the town (Mendham Borough) - who owns what property?
2. Take pictures of area and create a sketch of the Outdoor Learning Center Classroom with measurements according to scale.
3. Determine the materials and supplies needed for each component on the sketch.
4. If I have time, the HELP club will label the native species of the trees and plants (these labels will have the native NJ name, the Latin name, and the Spanish name).
5. Pursue different fund sources to check feasibility (find out cost of birdhouses, ask HSA if they would contribute money).
6. Pick date(s) for the project and begin 'advertising' for donations and man-power. Also purchase materials needed for each component by going to Home Depot in Class A uniform
7. Determine the schedule/goals for the day(s) of the project
8. Execute the project on the predetermined day(s)

Logistics

(A Tour Plan has also been called a "Tour Permit." Check with your council service center to determine if one is required.)

How will you handle transportation of materials, supplies, tools, and helpers? Will you need a Tour Plan?

Hilltop School has large playing fields on one side of the proposed site so I will have an abundance of space in which to organize. Virtually every point of the trail is accessible from the field area which is open and flat, ensuring easy transportation.

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Safety Issues

(The Guide to Safe Scouting is an important resource in considering safety issues.)

Describe the hazards and safety concerns you and your helpers should be aware of as this project is conducted.

There will be chainsaws (operated by trained parents) in operation so I will use the Caution Tape to mark out a "safety zone" around the cutting area. Also, volunteers will be warned to avoid poison ivy and other harmful plants (especially pricker bushes). There will be a first aid kit on scene with at least one EMT there at all times.

Further Planning

(You do not have to list every step, but it must be enough to show you have a reasonable idea of how to complete a final plan.)

List some action steps you will take to complete a final plan. For example, "Complete a more detailed set of drawings."

Complete detailed drawings

Candidate's Promise

(Signed before approvals below are granted)

On my honor as a Scout, I have read this entire workbook, including the "Message to Scouts and Parents or Guardians" on page 21. I promise to be the leader of this project, and to do my best to carry it out for the maximum benefit to the religious institution, school, or community I have chosen as beneficiary.

Signed

Date 1/12/12

Unit Leader Approval*

I have reviewed this proposal and discussed it with the candidate. I believe it provides impact worthy of an Eagle Scout service project, and will involve planning, development, and leadership. I am comfortable the Scout understands what to do, and how to lead the effort. I will see that the project is monitored, and that adults or others present will not overshadow him.

Signed

Date

Unit Committee Approval*

This Eagle Scout candidate is a Life Scout, and registered in our unit. I have reviewed this proposal, I am comfortable the project is feasible, and I will do everything I can to see that our unit measures up to the level of support we have agreed to provide (if any). I certify that I have been authorized by our unit committee to provide its approval for this proposal.

Signed

Date

Beneficiary Approval*

This service project will provide significant benefit, and we will do all we can to see it through. We realize funding on our part is not required, but we have informed the Scout of the financial support (if any) that we have agreed to. We understand any fundraising he conducts will be in our name and that funds left over will come to us. We will provide receipts to donors as required.

Signed

Date

Council or District Approval

I have read sections 9.0.2.0 through 9.0.2.15, regarding the Eagle Scout Service Project, in the *Guide to Advancement*, No. 33088. I agree on my honor to apply the procedures as written, and in compliance with the policy on "Unauthorized Changes to Advancement." Accordingly, I approve this proposal. I will encourage the candidate to complete a final plan and further encourage him to share it with a project coach.

Signed

Date

**While it makes sense to obtain them in the order they appear, there shall be no required sequence for the order of obtaining approvals marked with an asterisk (*). However, council or district approval must come after the others.*