

## Community Service Hours – Journey to Excellence

The Journey to Excellence program helps units track progress towards goals for better Scouting. One of the things that Scouting does better than just about any youth organization is teach the value and benefit of community service.

Because of the high regard for community service in Scouting, one of the items in the Journey to Excellence asks unit to perform AND track their community service throughout the year. The national council has provided YOU with a tool to track that community service for your unit, located at Journey to Excellence (<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/awards/journeytoexcellence.aspx>).

To enter your hours, you need a UNIT ID. If you do not know your UNIT ID, you can get that from your District Activity Chair or District Executive (<http://www.hoac-bsa.org/AboutUs/CouncilProfessionalStaff.aspx>). For your District Activity Chair contact information, go to the Heart of America Council's Districts Page (<http://www.hoac-bsa.org/Districts.aspx>) and click on your district; you will find contact information under the "District Leadership" heading on the left side of the screen.

Once you have your UNIT ID, go to the Journey to Excellence (<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/awards/journeytoexcellence.aspx>) page. Scroll down to a link titled "Service Hours Website" located at the end of the first paragraph of this site. Click on "Service Hours Website." A new screen will pop-up.

On this new screen, if you have never used this site, click on "New Users Click Here." You will confirm the confidentiality statement that comes up. On the next screen, you will use the UNIT ID to create your personal profile for entering service project information to this site for your unit. Everyone in your unit can use the same UNIT ID, but each person will create their own personal profile with that same UNIT ID. Once you click register, you will be able to enter service projects for your unit!

If you have used this site before, or create a new profile to enter service projects online and want to come back later to enter service projects, when you go the log-on screen for entering service projects, you will only need to enter your personally created username and password!

You can view previously recorded service projects at this site. You can enter any service project which the unit organizes or participates in; use the "Would you like to report a Service Project?" link. Make sure to enter the service work of ALL participants with your units service projects; family members, friends, neighbors, etc all count toward service hours even if they are not members of the BSA!

You can categorize your service projects in several different areas, and if you're not sure how to categorize your service project, use the "Other" category under "Other Services." Service projects for Mic-O-Say and Order of the Arrow COUNT! Service projects for your chartered organization COUNT! Service projects for the Council and District Community Days of Service COUNT!

You can enter Eagle Scout service projects at this site (units should enter these projects individually; they are not entered by the council); use the "Would you like to report an Eagle Scout service project?" link. Boy Scout Troops should make sure all the Eagle Projects completed get logged into the service hours website! Each year, HOAC anticipates about 800 Eagle Projects; at the recent council average of 125 hours each, that is approximately 100,000 service hours/year in Eagle Scout Service Projects alone!

Cub Scout Pack Community Service Hours JTE Requirement (#7): The pack participates in service projects with one benefitting your chartered organization. **The projects and hours are entered on the Journey to Excellence website.**

BRONZE: Participate in 2 service projects.

SILVER: Participate in 3 service projects.

GOLD: Participate in 4 service projects.

Boy Scout Troop / Varsity Team Community Service Hours JTE Requirement (#8): The troop / team participates in service projects with one benefitting your chartered organization. **The projects and hours are entered on the Journey to Excellence website.**

BRONZE: Participate in 4 service projects.

SILVER: Participate in 5 service projects.

GOLD: Participate in 6 service projects.

Venturing Crew / Sea Scout Ship Community Service Hours JTE Requirement (#5): The crew / ship participates in service projects with one benefitting your chartered organization. **The projects and hours are entered on the Journey to Excellence website.**

BRONZE: Participate in 2 service projects.

SILVER: Participate in 3 service projects.

GOLD: Participate in 4 service projects.

Current Community Service Hour status (as of 12/31/12):

DISTRICT	2012 PROJECTS	2012 HOURS	2011 PROJECTS	2011 HOURS
<b>Big Muddy</b>	56	3734	19	1128
Troop 1611 has the most projects entered – 15; Crew 2675 has the most hours logged – 919. Big Muddy District is at <b>GOLD LEVEL</b> for JTE averaging 4.16 hours/youth. 2011 hours/youth was 1.25.				
<b>Blue Elk</b>	128	10,899	115	7959
Troop 1312 has the most projects entered – 11; Troop 1282 has the most hours logged – 1994. Blue Elk District is at <b>GOLD LEVEL</b> for JTE averaging 3.32 hours/youth. 2011 hours/youth was 2.33.				
<b>Kaw</b>	92	6202	61	3983
Troop 165 has the most projects entered – 22; Troop 165 has the most hours logged – 1589. Kaw District is at <b>SILVER LEVEL</b> for JTE averaging 2.42 hours/youth. 2011 hours/youth was 1.14.				
<b>Lone Bear</b>	127	7134	74	5792
Troop 1225 has the most projects entered – 23; Troop 1225 has the most hours logged – 1558. Lone Bear District is at <b>GOLD LEVEL</b> for JTE averaging 7.14 hours/youth. 2011 hours/youth was 5.68.				
<b>North Star</b>	264	20,629	239	18,658
Troops 1412 has the most projects entered – 14; Troop 1376 has the most hours logged – 1856. North Star District is at <b>GOLD LEVEL</b> for JTE averaging 4.58 hours/youth. 2011 hours/youth was 3.94.				
<b>Northern Tier</b>	288	15,786	184	14,134
Troop 299 has the most projects entered – 27; Troop 192 has the most hours logged – 1652. Northern Tier District is at <b>GOLD LEVEL</b> for JTE averaging 7.06 hours/youth. 2011 hours/youth was 6.22.				
<b>Pelathe</b>	73	3346	15	1404
Troops 55 has the most projects entered – 17; Troop 53 has the most hours logged – 726. Pelathe District is at <b>SILVER LEVEL</b> for JTE averaging 2.98 hours/youth. 2011 hours/youth was 1.25.				
<b>Pioneer Trails</b>	105	9619	58	3964
Troop 1025 has the most projects entered – 19; Troop 1150 has the most hours logged – 1776. Pioneer Trails District is at <b>SILVER LEVEL</b> for JTE averaging 2.81 hours/youth. 2011 hours/youth was 0.98.				
<b>Red-Tailed Hawk</b>	213	16,327	207	20,855
Troop 315 has the most projects entered – 26; Troop 85 has the most hours logged – 1506. Red-Tailed Hawk District is at <b>GOLD LEVEL</b> for JTE averaging 5.64 hours/youth. 2011 hours/youth was 6.82.				
<b>Thunderbird</b>	292	20,903	217	15,313
Troop 1032 has the most projects entered – 40; Troop 1032 has the most hours logged – 6239. Thunderbird District is at <b>GOLD LEVEL</b> for JTE averaging 4.93 hours/youth. 2011 hours/youth was 3.31.				
<b>Trailhead</b>	111	11,258	84	9994
Troop 10 has the most projects entered – 19; Troop 10 has the most hours logged – 2194. Trailhead District is at <b>GOLD LEVEL</b> for JTE averaging 4.49 hours/youth. 2011 hours/youth was 3.82.				
<b>Trails West</b>	129	7710	137	9796
Troop 136 has the most projects entered – 20; Troop 136 has the most hours logged – 1147. Trails West District is at <b>SILVER LEVEL</b> for JTE averaging 3.76 hours/youth. 2011 hours/youth was 4.68.				
<b>Twin Rivers</b>	79	4407	39	1722
Troop 101 has the most projects entered – 10; Troop 74 has the most hours logged – 495. Twin Rivers District is at <b>GOLD LEVEL</b> for JTE averaging 6.05 hours/youth. 2011 hours/youth was 2.01.				
<b>HOAC</b>	<b>1959</b>	<b>158,718</b>	<b>1451</b>	<b>139,202</b>
HOAC is at <b>GOLD LEVEL</b> for JTE averaging 4.56 hours/youth. 2011 hours/youth was 3.88.				

District & Council Gold Level: Average 5 hours/youth member or 3 hours & .2 hour growth versus 2011  
 District & Council Silver Level: Average 3 hours/youth member or 2 hours & .2 hour growth versus 2011  
 District & Council Bronze Level: Average 2 hours/youth member or .2 hour growth versus 2011

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