

Troop 2 Wilmette First class to Star, Star to Life Guidelines

The **First Class to Star** and the **Star to Life** Service Projects must demonstrate community service to a worthy institution other than the Boy Scouts. This may be a religious institution, school, or your community. As you look around for ideas, write down several which interest you. You may choose to build something, do service for someone, present a program to a group, or correct a problem area for the benefit of an authorized organization. You may complete this service requirement on your own or do it with other members of your troop. *You should try to choose a Service Project that is valuable to the community and a challenge to you.* It does not have to be an original idea, but you must do all of the planning for your Service Project and may not use someone else's plan. If you do your Service Project with other members of your troop, the plan should be jointly designed; however, each Scout must prepare his own proposal.

Additional Star/Life Service Project requirements:

- Scouts may not drive other scouts to/from their Service Projects.
- Scouts may not include transportation time as part of their Service Project hours.
- Scouts must make the contacts and phone calls to organize their Service Project.
- Parents are not to do the work for the scouts.
- The Star/Life Service Project may not be part of an Eagle Scout Service Project.
- It may not benefit any business or individual.
- It may not fulfill any other service requirements including those for the Scout's confirmation, bar mitzvah, or school projects.
- In general, scouts should not do their projects for their parent's organizations.
- (Any exception must be approved by the Scoutmaster.)
- The project should not include one-to-one contact with a scout and an adult (to comply with BSA youth protection guidelines.)
- The Star/Life Service Project must include a minimum of 6 hours of work.

Life Service Projects should involve a greater degree of difficulty than Star Service

Projects. Star and Life Service Projects should not be the same; Troop 2 wants the Scouts to get a variety of experiences. The life service project is also required to have at least three hours of conservation work. You should not spend a lot of time planning a Service Project until you have gotten approval for your idea from the Scoutmaster. The written proposal should be completed at least one week prior to the start date of your project to ensure enough time for review with the Scoutmaster.

Steps for Star and Life Service Projects:

- Brainstorm ideas for your Service Project.
- Receive Scoutmaster approval for your Service Project idea so you may begin your proposal.
- Write your proposal following the attached guidelines.
- Submit written proposal for review to Troop 2's Star/Life Project Coach
- Revise proposal, if necessary, until approved by Project Coach.
- Submit proposal to Scoutmaster and schedule meeting to discuss proposal.
- Meet with Scoutmaster to discuss proposal.
- Do volunteer portion of project.
- Complete written report following attached guidelines.
- Submit written report to Star/Life Project Coach for review.
- Revise written report based on feedback until approved by Project Coach.
- Submit written report to Scoutmaster and schedule meeting to discuss proposal.
- Meet with Scoutmaster to discuss your project and written report.

Written Proposal Guidelines:

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For both Star and Life Service Projects, Troop 2 requires a typewritten proposal to be submitted for approval by the Scoutmaster. This written proposal should be 3-5 paragraphs. The proposal must be submitted for approval at least one week before the Service Project begins. If the Service Project is a team effort, then each scout must write their own proposal, not copies of each other's proposal. The written proposal must include:

- Scout's name and current rank
- The rank for which the Service Project is being done
- Date of submittal
- Schedule of dates of proposed Service Project with estimated time to complete
- Scope and purpose of Service Project
- Safety considerations – List hazards specific to the project you might face and how you will prevent them from happening (Detail at least three)
- Name of organization benefitting from Service Project
- Contact person and their phone number or email address
- Location of Service Project with address
- A statement of who will benefit from the Service Project

Written Report Guidelines

Troop 2 also requires a written Service Project report to be submitted after completing the project. Similar to the proposal, the Service Project proposal, the Scout must write his own report. The type written project report must include:

- Scout's name and current rank
- Rank for which the Service Project is being done
- Date of submittal
- Actual dates and hours you worked on the project
- Details of the project day detailing the things did you did and observed and any changes from your proposed scope and purpose
- Location of project with address
- Name of organization benefitting from the Service Project
- Contact person and their phone number or email address
- Location of Service Project with address
- A statement of who benefitted from the project and why
- A copy of the original proposal
- A descriptive summary of your work and what happened
- Discuss what went well and any challenges you faced
- Describe how what you learned and how you grew from the experience
- Include at least one photo of you working at the project

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Louis Galindo

PROPOSAL FOR LIFE SERVICE PROJECT

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Scout's Current Rank	Star
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Schedule of Days	7/8/17 for 3 hours and 3/10/18 for 3 hours
Scope and purpose of service project	The purpose is to help Backyard Nature Center with their Skokie lagoons stewardship program, working through Cook County Forest Preserve. Activities will be clearing out invasive species of plants and litter and dealing with the problem of soil erosion.
Location of service project	Skokie lagoons tower rd. and forest way.
Estimated time to complete	2 months
Safety considerations	I will have to wear leather gloves, be careful around sharp tools, and wear sun protection.
Name of Organization Benefitting	Backyard Nature Center
Contact person at organization	Daniel Kielson, 847-501-3735
Rank for which service is being done	This service is for Life rank.
Statement of who will benefit from this service project	Skokie lagoons benefits the citizens of Cook County, The Skokie Lagoons is a 550-acre network of forests, artificial lagoons, channels, and islands bordered by Willow and Dundee roads and Edens 94 and Forest way. It's a wonderful resource used for picnicking, fishing, biking, canoeing, jogging, bird watching, and more. In addition to directly affecting users of Skokie lagoon, I will be contributing to backyard nature centers efforts to increase awareness of stewardship of nature.

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Details of the day's work and observations on what happened	On the first day we were mostly cutting down brush and burning it to create room for more indigenous plants. It was a very warm and sunny day in July which made burning the brush less bearable. On the second day although it was a cool day in March the fire was scorching hot, and we were putting so much wood into it that at moments we had to back away from it to let it cool down to keep us from burning ourselves from the heat alone. On that day we were not only clearing brush but cutting down trees to, and because of that we had to be very watchful of where we were standing to keep the trees from falling on us. Before we put wood into the fire we had to cut all the tiny branches from it and sometimes shortening it, so it could fit on the fire. There was also there was a group of junior high students from Chinatown there helping us to clear out the copious amounts of buckthorn from the area. After 3 hours of labor we went home.
Challenges and personal growth	I learned that you must stay aware of your environment while working with sharp tools, fire and being around potential falling objects.