



Life Rank - Requirement 4: While a Star Scout, participate in six hours of service through one or more service projects approved by your Scoutmaster. **At least 3 hours of this service must be conservation related.**

Sources:

<https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/conservation-and-environment/conservation-good-turn/>

<https://www.scouting.org/international/messengers-of-peace/service-project-ideas/>

<https://discussions.scouting.org/t/conservation-service-hours-official-definition/147375/12>

The list below provides acceptable projects that are conservation related for the purposes of completing requirement 4 for Life rank.

Suggested conservation projects include, but are not limited to:

1. Plant grasses, trees, shrubs, and ground cover to stop soil erosion.
2. Adopt a park. Remove litter and garbage from a favorite neighborhood recreation area or park.
3. Organize or participate in a recycling program in your neighborhood
4. Arrange a natural resources awareness program. Invite natural resource professionals such as wildlife biologists, soil conservationists, foresters, or conservation officers to speak to your pack.
5. Participate in a beach or waterfront cleanup. Record the items collected and determine the possible harmful effects to wildlife. With youth participation, develop a plan to educate the public about the dangers posed to wildlife.
6. From a local, state, or national organization that is concerned about environmental protection, obtain suggestions for den and pack projects to improve the environment.
7. Become involved in programs offered by utilities to help consumers conserve resources.
8. Establish a nature trail, plant vegetation, or carry out other needed projects as requested by the camp ranger.
9. Plant shrubs to provide food and cover for wildlife.
10. Build and set out bird and squirrel nesting boxes.
11. Conduct stream improvement projects to prevent erosion.
12. Plant grasses and legumes to provide ground cover in schoolyards, public parks, and recreation areas.
13. Plant tree seedlings as part of a managed forestry plan.
14. Plant a pollinator garden.
15. Help thin and prune woodlands in a managed tree improvement project.
16. With a local forester, take part in or conduct a forest fire prevention program.
17. Make an exhibit on conservation for a county fair.
18. Develop a nature trail in a public park.
19. Assist a local forester in a tree insect- and disease-control or public education project.
20. Conduct a stream, river or lakeside trash collection project.
21. Assist a local agency with a trout stream restoration project.
22. Participate in a wildlife or wildfowl count.
23. Conduct a rodent-control and public health education program under the guidance of the local health department or agency responsible for rodent control.
24. Energy conservation
25. Soil and water conservation
26. Fish and wildlife management
27. Forestry and range management
28. Air and water pollution control
29. Resource recovery (recycling)
30. Invasive species control
31. Clean up a campground, a local park, a river, or a school parking lot.
32. Assist with a shoreline-restoration project.
33. Collect and dispose of household chemicals, batteries, and other potentially dangerous waste products from the residences of shut-ins.
34. Volunteer at a community recycling center.



35. Clear brush from fire buffer zone.
36. Installing bat houses
37. Installing bee houses
38. We striped the parking lot at our charter org.
39. Small pine trees grew at the edge of a church's retention pond. These needed to be cut and removed.
40. The local conservation society hosts, each six months, a river clean-up day.
41. We went camping at a park and picked up trash on the trails and campsites.
42. Our nearby lake holds a Christmas tree recycle in which they take the trees and weight them and sink them in the lake to form fish habitat.
43. We volunteered at a trail maintenance day at a park.
44. Tagging storm drains with "no dumping" warnings paint/stickers. That I would consider conservation.
45. Take inventory of every tree on every side lawn.
46. Organize a book and magazine drive, with the collected items going to a daycare, overseas soldiers, a VA medical center or an inner-city school
47. Participate in Scouting for Food, the annual canned-food drive
48. Deliver, retrieve and dispose of Christmas trees
49. Adopt a town after a disaster
50. Assist organizations that provide home maintenance service
51. Help paint a school, church or chartered organization
52. Clean a Habitat for Humanity house before the family moves in
53. Clean a local animal shelter
54. Repaint fences at government or nonprofit buildings
55. Adopt a Highway or road and take care of it
56. Take part in a litter cleanup project
57. Help beautify city hall
58. Clean up and/or help inventory a cemetery
59. Clean up and beautify the local community center, campground, park, river or school parking lot
60. Clear brush from a fire-prone area
61. Improve a town walking trail
62. Pick up trash at the chartered organization before or after a meeting (not just the trash you left — check out the entire facility)
63. Clean up the shoreline
64. Assist with a blood drive
65. Distribute organ donor cards
66. Create video histories of veterans and share the edited results with their families
67. Assist in training search and rescue dogs
68. Clean and refill bird feeders at the local Audubon Society
69. Collect aluminum cans and donate the proceeds to a local charity
70. Construct duck houses, owl boxes or birdhouses
71. Build an education sandbox for a local nature center
72. Construct a soccer field: lines, goals, benches
73. Refurbish the press box at a local ballfield
74. Repair and paint bleachers
75. Plant trees
76. Conduct a winter used coat drive and clean and distribute the coats.
77. Collect unused makeup, perfume and cosmetics for a center for abused women
78. Create a poison awareness campaign
79. Paint over graffiti (but first check with your city/town government)
80. Sponsor a TV blackout event to encourage families to spend time outside
81. Plant, tend and harvest a vegetable garden and donate what you grow



- 82. Rake leaves for your chartered organization.
- 83. Build bird houses

List of Organizations to Contact for Service Hours

Missouri Department of Conservation	
Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center	(816) 759-7300 4750 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO 64110 https://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/anita-b-gorman-conservation-discovery-center
Burr Oak Woods Nature Center	(816) 228-3766 1401 NW Park Rd, Blue Springs, MO 64015 https://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/burr-oak-woods-conservation-area
George Owens Nature Park	(816) 325-7115 1601 S Speck Rd, Independence MO 64057 http://www.ci.independence.mo.us/parksandrec/owens