

Not in the Handbook ***The President's Volunteer Service Award***



Venturers often have opportunities to assist others by volunteering their time. For example, as the Venturing Advisor on a Wood Badge course, I used five Venturers to assist with the Leave No Trace (LNT) training, problem solving round robin, setting up a model camp and more. I recorded their time in staff development, LNT Trainer training and on the Wood Badge course itself for the President's

Volunteer Service Award.

The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain standard – measured by the number of hours served over a 12-month period or cumulative hours earned over the course of a lifetime. More information can be found here: www.presidentialserviceawards.gov.

In addition to volunteering opportunities, Venturers when completing the Venturing Gold Award have to complete requirement 6 which states:

The candidate must plan, prepare for, and lead to completion two or more crew activity projects that relate to at least two of the following areas: citizenship, leadership, service to others, community/family, outdoor experience, and total fitness.

For crew/ship activities, the action should involve at least five Venturers, and it should require a minimum of four to six months from inception to completion; the project should be approved and the goals of the project set by the crew Advisor and/or member of the crew committee and the Venturer candidate. Both parties should certify the completion of the project(s). Activities should be arranged to fit into normal crew programming.

Hours for these service projects can be accumulated and applied to various levels of the President's Volunteer Service Award. Most Venturers fall into the Young Adult category; ages 15 through 24. The recognitions for the hours in this category are:

President's Volunteer Service Awards for young adults; ages 15 through 24

Bronze
Silver
Gold

Hours over a 12 month period

100 to 174
175 to 249
250 or more

Council Support

A Scout Council can assist in the recognition of Scouts, Venturers, or Scouters by becoming a Certifying Organization. Certifying Organizations agree to perform the following roles:

- Verify that the volunteer(s) has completed the number of service hours required to earn a President's Volunteer Service Award.
- Nominate verified volunteers by completing and submitting an order form to purchase the award(s).
- Pay the nominal cost for the award package and its shipping, either directly or through local sponsorship.
- Receive the award package and distribute the award to each recipient.

For further information, visit the President's Volunteer Service Award web site.

References:

The President's Volunteer Service Award web site –
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