

TROOP 150

Leadership Service Project Workbook

Your Leadership Service Project

How to Start

You need to fulfill the requirement for giving leadership for rank. This workbook will help you plan and record your progress and complete and submit a final report.

The Requirement

Your job is to plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to your religious institution, school, or your community. (The project should benefit an organization other than the BSA.) The project plan must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort and the Scoutmaster. The project must include a minimum of 50 hours of service given by you and those that work with you to complete the project. Despite the minimum number of hours the project had as approved, the project must be completed. It is mandatory that you must demonstrate your leadership of others during the course of the project.

Limitations

Routine labor (a job or service normally rendered) will not be approved. Work involving council property is not permitted. The project also may not be performed for a business or an individual, be of a commercial nature, or be a fund-raiser. (Fund-raising is permitted only for securing materials or supplies needed to carry out your project.)

Examples

A look at some project examples illustrates that your project can be to construct something or can be to render a service.

- Made trays to fasten to wheelchairs for veterans with disabilities at a Veterans Administration hospital.
- Collected used books and distributed them to people in the community who wanted and needed, but could not afford, books.
- Built a sturdy footbridge across a brook to make a safe shortcut for children between their homes and school.
- Collected and repaired used toys and gave them to a home for children with disabilities.
- Organized and operated a bicycle safety campaign. This involved a written safety test, equipment safety check, and a skills contest in a bike rodeo.
- Built a “tot lot” in a big city neighborhood and set up a schedule for Boy Scouts to help run it.
- Prepared plans for a footbridge on a trail in a national forest. Worked with rangers to learn the skills necessary to build the structure, gathered materials and tools, and then directed a Scout work group to do the construction.

Approvals

Before You Start

Your project plan must be approved by the Scoutmaster before the project is started. The following questions must be answered in writing before giving this approval.

- Who will benefit from the project?
- How will they benefit?
- What official from the group benefiting from the project will be contacted for guidance in planning the project?
- How many people will be recruited to help carry out the project?

Remember, the project must be approved before you begin.

After Completion

Although your project was approved by the Scoutmaster the manner in which it was carried out is important. The following must be answered in writing:

- In what ways did you demonstrate leadership of others?
- Give examples of how you directed the project.
- In what way did the religious institution, school, or community group benefit from the project?
- Did the project follow the plan?
- If changes to the plan were made, explain why the changes were necessary.

Filling Out the Form

As you plan and carry out your leadership service project, use this workbook to record your plans and progress. Remember that others will be reading these pages. You should print, type, or write legibly using black or blue ink. Complete the form on a computer if you have access to an electronic version. You may add as many pages as needed to thoroughly complete the workbook.

Project Description

Describe the project you plan to do.

What group will benefit from the project?

Name of religious institution, school, or community

Telephone No.

Street address

City

State

Zip code

My project will be of benefit to the group because:

This concept was discussed with my unit leader on:

Date

The project concept was discussed with the following representative of the group that will benefit from the project.

Representative's name

Date of meeting

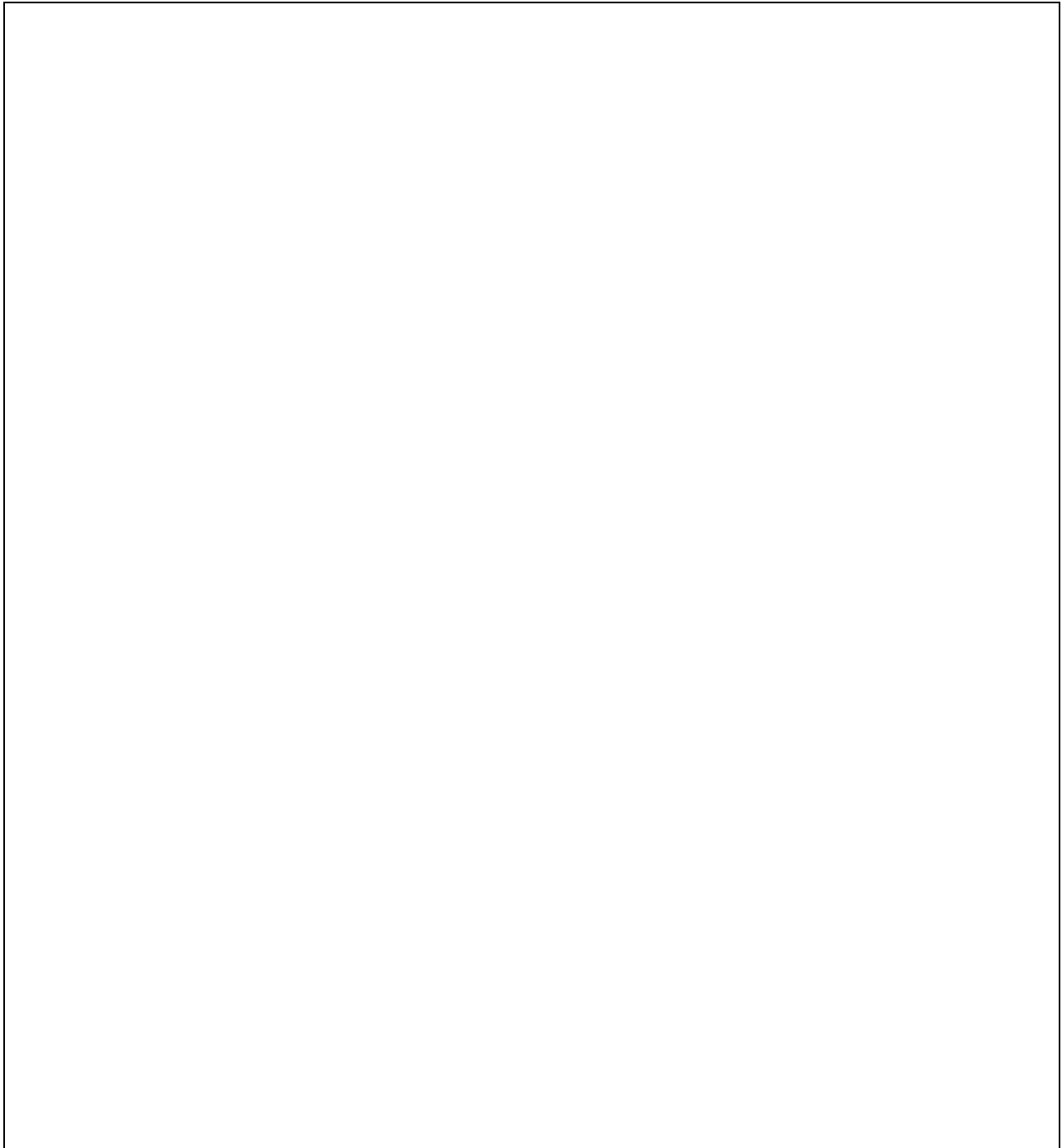
Representative's title

Phone No.

Project Details

Plan your work by describing the present condition, the method, materials to be used, project helpers, and a time schedule for carrying out the project. Describe any safety hazards you might face, and explain how you will ensure the safety of those carrying out the project.

Include photographs of the area before you begin your project. Providing before-and-after photographs of your project area can give a clear example of your effort.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, occupying the lower half of the page. It is intended for the student to provide project details and before-and-after photographs as instructed in the text above.

“Before” Photographs

Approval Signatures for Project Plan

Project plans were reviewed and approved by:

Religious institution, school, or community representative
Date

Scoutmaster
Date

Important Note: You may proceed with your leadership service project only when you have:

- Completed all the above mentioned planning details
- Shared the project plans with the appropriate persons
- Obtained approval from the appropriate persons

Changes

List any changes made to the original project plan and explain why those changes were made.

“After” Photographs

Including photographs of your completed project (along with the “before” photographs) helps present a clearer overall understanding of your effort.

Approvals for Completed Project

Start date of project:

Completion date of project:

Scout’s signature

Date

This project was planned, developed, and carried out by the Scout’s signature above.

Signature of Scoutmaster

Date

Signature of the representative of religious institution, school, or community

Date