

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Minsi Trails Council - Adopt-A-School Program

General Information

Q: What is the Adopt-A-School program?

A: The Adopt-A-School program is a partnership between Scouting units and local schools to provide service, support, and positive engagement. Scouts commit to meaningful service projects that benefit the school and its students.

Q: Who can participate?

A: Any registered Scouting unit (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, or Sea Scouts) can participate in the program. Schools of all types, including public, private, and charter schools, are eligible to be adopted.

Q: Why should a Scouting unit participate?

A: This program strengthens community ties, provides valuable service opportunities, and allows Scouts to live out the values of Scouting by giving back to their communities.

Getting Started

Q: How does a unit adopt a school?

A: Units should contact their desired school to discuss potential partnership opportunities. Once an agreement is reached, units should register their adoption with Minsi Trails Council to track service efforts.

Q: What type of service projects can be done?

A: Projects vary based on school needs but may include:

- Landscaping and beautification
- Playground maintenance
- Tutoring and mentoring students
- Assisting at school events
- Organizing book or supply drives

Q: How long does the adoption last?

A: The commitment is typically for one school year but can be extended based on the agreement between the unit and the school.

Program Requirements

Q: Are there any requirements to participate?

A: Units must:

- Have an agreement with the school administration
- Commit to at least four service projects during the school year
- Submit service reports to Minsi Trails Council

Q: Does the unit need to fundraise projects?

A: Fundraising is not required but may be beneficial for certain projects. Units should work with the school to identify any resources needed.

Recognition & Reporting

Q: How are service efforts recognized?

A: Participating units and Scouts may receive:

- Certificates of appreciation to the individual units
- Patches to each registered member of the unit at the end of the yearly program

Q: How do we report our service projects?

A: Units should log their completed projects through the Minsi Trails Council reporting portal to track service hours and impact.

Additional Questions

Q: Who should I contact for more information?

A: For more details or assistance, reach out to the Minsi Trails Council Service Coordinator at Vincent.polakowski@scouting.org