



Service Opportunities With Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian organization dedicated to eliminating poverty housing worldwide.

Habitat brings together people with resources and people in need to build simple, decent, affordable houses. The houses are sold to those in need at no profit, through no-interest loans. Habitat for Humanity has built and sold more than 150,000 houses, providing shelter for more than 750,000 people worldwide.

Habitat has affiliates in every state of the United States and in 100 countries around the world.

People may volunteer individually or in groups or with organizations such as churches or Scouting units.

Contacting Habitat for Humanity

To find volunteer opportunities where you live, use the affiliate search engine at www.habitat.org.



Good Turn for America

Good Turn for America is a call to service by the Boy Scouts of America to address the critical issues of hunger, health, and inadequate housing in our nation. To address these challenges, the Boy Scouts of America has partnered with some of the most respected service organizations in the nation, including The Salvation Army, the American Red Cross, and Habitat for Humanity. Each of these organizations provides countless hours of service to our nation every year. And working together, we can do even more.

Will you be one to make a difference?

Do a Good Turn for America—volunteer!



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Boy Scouts of America and Habitat for Humanity

**Building Stronger Communities
ONE House,
ONE Community,
ONE Family at a Time**

Service Opportunities With the Boy Scouts of America

Because of the way the Boy Scouts of America is organized, there are many different ways to collaborate.

Individual service projects. A Cub Scout, Boy Scout, or Venturer may choose to undertake a service project on his or her own. For example, Boy Scouts earning the rank of Eagle Scout are required to complete a service project.

Unit-level service projects. Individual Scouting units—Boy Scout troops, Cub Scout packs, and Venturing crews—may participate in service projects or develop their own.

District-level service projects. Councils are made up of districts. A district is a geographic service area which serves the troops, packs, and crews within its area. A district may choose to develop a districtwide service project.

Council-level service projects. Local Boy Scouts of America offices (known in Scouting as council offices) may choose to coordinate a councilwide service effort.

Contacting the Boy Scouts of America

To find the Boy Scouts of America office nearest you, visit www.goodturnforamerica.org.





Safety First

The safety of youth and volunteers is our first priority. Before starting any project, be sure that it's age-appropriate, that there is proper adult supervision during all phases of the project, and that all safety guidelines related to the project are communicated to all participants.

Habitat for Humanity and the Boy Scouts of America: Making a Difference One Family at a Time

Habitat for Humanity and the Boy Scouts of America are working together to address the problem of inadequate housing in our nation—one house, one community, one family at a time.

Whether you're part of a Habitat affiliate looking for volunteers, or a Scouting leader looking for volunteer opportunities for youth, this brochure tells you what opportunities are available. Depending on their age, Scouts can undertake a wide range of projects. Here are just a few ideas:

Tiger Cubs and Cub Scouts

- Make a welcome basket for the homeowner family, sing a song at the dedication, or perform a flag ceremony.
- Stock the pantry for a new Habitat for Humanity partner family.
- Draw messages or blessings on two-by-fours before the house framing.
- Landscape, learn about the local environment, and plant environmentally friendly trees and gardens.
- Make wooden key holders, picture frames, or doorstops from scraps on-site.

Boy Scouts and Venturers

- Construct and paint window boxes to be used as housewarming gifts or as fund-raising items.
- Help clear the construction site of debris before or after construction.
- Help fold or stuff newsletters or mailings.
- Design an affiliate Web page or newsletter.
- Register volunteers at the construction site information table.
- Paint doors and baseboards off-site before they are put into the house.
- Build picnic or lunch tables for the work site.
- Tutor younger partner family children.
- Clean a Habitat house before the dedication.
- Organize and serve meals to volunteer builders.

Boy Scouts of America
at a Glance

Cub Scouting
For boys who are in the first grade through fifth grade or ages 7 to 10.

Boy Scouting
For boys ages 11 to 17.

Venturing
For young men and young women ages 14 to 21.

