

SWFL Council Journey to Excellence “Good Turn for America” Community Service Month February 2017



JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

America is a nation built on service. From barn raisings to soup kitchens, ordinary Americans have always made an extraordinary difference in the lives of their neighbors and in their communities by lending a helping hand. Today, America needs the service of its citizens more than ever. The Boy Scouts of America believes that we can do something about these issues if we work together. That's why we've have the *Journey to Excellence Community Service Project Hours Unit Objective*. It is important for our community to know that Scouting is indeed about community service and for units and Scouts to be recognized for their accomplishments and service.

The SWFL Council has established February as Journey to Excellence “Good Turn for America” Community Service Month. All units should plan on doing a community service project in February 2017 with the goal of each Scout doing a minimum of 1 1/2 to 3 hrs. of participation in a unit service project. Below is the participation form which upon completion in recording community service hours on the JTE website and sending the form to the council office, a special commemorative patch with a button loop will be sent to all youth and adults who attain the minimum 1 1/2 hours. **Patches will only be available for unit service projects performed ONLY in February.**

2017 Patch Request

Pack # _____ Troop # _____ Crew # _____ Post # _____

of Youth Participating _____ # of Leaders Participating _____ Total # Patches Requested _____

Total # of Hrs. _____ Spent by Youth and Leaders on Service Projects

Date of Project(s) _____

Type of Service Project(s) Performed: _____

I have entered the Journey to Excellence Good Turn for America Community Service Hours on the council website. Date Entered _____ Required before receiving patches Verified _____

(Office Verification)

Date Patches Mailed _____ # of Patches Mailed _____

Reporting Procedures

- Unit IDs - If you do not have your unit ID or password please email Lori.laumeyer@scouting.org call at 239-936-8072 Extension103.
- Unit leadership will designate person to enter service project information.
- **Log on** to <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx> click on Service Hours Website –lower right corner) or access through the council website www.swflcouncilbsa.org click on the Journey to Excellence tab.
- Select either Good Turn for America project or Eagle Scout project
- Enter ID and password
- Enter project information Food, Shelter, Healthy Living, Other. (Remember, ALL service projects can be recorded no matter area.)
- Screen will confirm data has been received and recorded.

Unit Leader Signature _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____

(Please return this form to the council office by March 31, 2017 – No patches available after this date)

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