

Lending a helping hand makes a difference in the lives of others and therefore our Scout Programs encourage meaningful service to the greater community through positive FUN opportunities which serve the community. The Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA believes that service to the greater community contributes to finding one's purpose in life. It is by working with others and by service to the greater community one can meet new people, acquire new awareness, appreciation and sensitivity for the circumstances or challenging situations of others. The Scout Movement has always prided itself on being a Movement that offers service to others. Making a difference in the lives of others enhances the life of our Scouts. Participating in our Scout Program's national service projects also permits our Scouts to achieve and work on projects that exceed local communities. We believe service to the community should not be done on a mandatory basis but rather from the heart. Consequently, the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA encourage our Scouts to participate as they choose rather than count their hours. What our Scouts' hearts say is far important than what their watches say. The Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA appreciate that every effort helps and therefore encourages projects which are age, size, and scope appropriate to our Scouts and Scout teams. For example: Our Rising Star Scouts contribute to their community by collecting and donating some of their toys to other children. The Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA also encourages its Scouts and Team Counselors to participate in the overall betterment of their community on a small scale as well. Our Scout Programs encourage the

acquisition of the skill of fostering friendship. By developing and fostering friendship with others our Scouts improve the strength of their communities. For instance, we encourage our Scouts to welcome and befriend new students at school. Also, when one of our Scouts observe a fellow student of theirs sitting alone in the school lunchroom, they are expected to sit with them or invite them over.