

# **Playwicki District Spring Cleaning Leaders Guide**



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**Who:** all scouting units

**What:** Spring Cleaning

**When:** The month of April (Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Where: Local Community

**Why:** To do a good turn for the environment and give back to our community.

**How:** Generate a project for an organization of your choice and pick a work day.

**Additional Benefits:** Cool Event Patch, Service hour requirements for rank advancement, Unit JTE service hours, opportunity to earn additional awards.

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**Event Overview:** Scouts have always appreciated being in the outdoors, and have set a camping standard with the introduction of Leave No Trace. The Playwicki District Spring Clean-up is a chance to do a good turn for the environment in our local community. April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day so the month of April is a perfect time to clean up our local part of the planet. We hope that a concentrated effort by all scouting units during this time will make a significant impact.

**Safety Considerations:** Given the diversity of activities associated with this event, it is difficult to provide specific safety guidance. As you plan your event please review the guide to safe scouting, as you would for any scouting event your unit would normally conduct. Make sure you bring your unit *First Aid Kit* to the event. Also make sure your participants stay hydrated, have appropriate protective equipment for the activity (e.g work gloves, boots, eye protection, etc.) take breaks as needed, and do not climb above shoulder height without appropriate safety gear. Consider weather related safety (lightning etc.) concerns or any environmental concerns (damaged overhanging trees chance of falling, etc.) on the day of your event.

**Cost:** There is no fee to participate in this event. We appreciate your service to our community. Thanks for your efforts to make this a successful event!

**Projects:** Many units conduct service projects for their chartered organization or favorite local organization, and serving these organizations definitely qualify for this event. For units who can reach out further or are looking for something new, there is a list of organizations who would appreciate your help in the appendix. We would encourage units to seriously consider contacting Tamanend Park, Tyler State Park and Washington Crossing State Park, as we hold a number of scouting events at these

venues, and this would be a way to give back to our supporters. Finally there are many local organizations that are also in need of help.

**Registration:** There is no pre-registration for this event. After you complete your project Please remember to register your project on the Bucks county event calendar to ensure you receive your patches. For your convenience the registration link will also be in the e-mail announcement.

**Recognition:** To receive recognition you must (1) report your scout and adult participation on the event registration site and (2) log your service hours at <https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx> (see directions below). Upon completion all scouts will receive a district event patch. Special recognition will be at the discretion of the District Committee (outstanding participation, project, etc.) Additional recognition opportunities include the Conservation Good Turn Award, and the Hornaday Award—see Appendix for additional information regarding these awards.

**Logging your Service Hours:** All scout units conduct service projects throughout the year but as a district we have noticed that units rarely log their service hours outside of Eagle Projects. ***We are asking all units to log their service hours for this event on the district webpage as well as at <https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx>*** (See appendix for detailed instruction) Upon completion we will notify you when the event patches for your unit will be available at the council office.

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## Appendix

## Contact Info

- Tyler State Park: Contact- Brian Flores, Park Manager 215-968-2021 [tylersp@pa.gov](mailto:tylersp@pa.gov)
- Tamanan Park: Contact- Marian Gilbert Park & Recreation Director 215-355-9781  
[mgilbert@ustwp.org](mailto:mgilbert@ustwp.org)
- Core Creek Park (held Earth Day celebration last year) Contact- 215-348-6114  
[parksandrecreation@co.bucks.pa.us](mailto:parksandrecreation@co.bucks.pa.us)
- Washington Crossing State Park: Contact- 215-493-4076
- Playwicki Park: contact- 215-757-0571
- Silver Lake Nature Center (Bristol, Pa) - Earth Day Work Day (4/19 from 9am until 2pm); Contact - Jenn Bilger (215-785-1177x14; [jlbilger@co.bucks.pa.us](mailto:jlbilger@co.bucks.pa.us))
- Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve (New Hope, Pa) - Earth Day Work Day (4/12 from 9am until 12:30pm); Contact - Trish McGuire ([m McGuire@bhwo.org](mailto:m McGuire@bhwo.org))
- Thorpe Farms- Earth day clean-up last year – may need help this year Contact - Dale Thorpe at 215-872-8042.
- Churchville Nature Center: Contact- 215-357-4005; [churchvillenaturecenter@co.bucks.pa.us](mailto:churchvillenaturecenter@co.bucks.pa.us)
- Clark Nature Center: Contact- 215-968-2800
- Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Calendar Listing of Events (Good resource for locating State-Park related Earth Day clean-up activities):  
<http://www.apps.dcnr.state.pa.us/Calendar/list.asp>
- 5 Mile Woods: Contact John Heilferty 215-493-6652 [fivemilewoods@yahoo.com](mailto:fivemilewoods@yahoo.com)
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## Conservation Good Turn

Since 1910, conservation has been an integral part of the program of the Boy Scouts of America. The BSA has been a positive force in conservation and environmental efforts. Scouts have rendered distinguished public service by helping to conserve wildlife, energy, forests, soil, and water. Past generations of Scouts have been widely recognized for undertaking conservation Good Turn action projects in their local communities.

Scouts of today have grown up hearing words such as ecosystem, biodiversity, and climate change. They recognize the need for, and the benefits of, conserving natural resources. Scouts understand that we all must work together for the betterment of the land, forests, wildlife, air, and water.

Much has been accomplished in recent years by individual Scouts and through unit conservation Good Turns. Much more needs to be done.



## Support Your Local Conservationists

The Conservation Good Turn is an opportunity for Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, and Venturing crews to join with conservation or environmental organizations (federal, state, local, or private) to carry out a conservation Good Turn in their home communities.

- The Scouting unit contacts a conservation agency and offers to carry out a Good Turn project.
- The agency identifies a worthwhile and needed project that the unit can accomplish.
- Working together in the local community, the unit and the agency plan the details and establish the date, time, and location for carrying out the project

CONSERVATION GOOD TURN CERTIFICATE APPLICATION		
<small>(SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER.)</small>		
NAME _____		
UNIT TYPE AND NO. _____	DATE _____	
<small>(PACK, TROOP, TEAM, CREW)</small>		
PARTICIPATING AGENCY/ORGANIZATION _____		
TYPE OF PROJECT _____		
NUMBER OF WORKERS	YOUTH _____	ADULT _____
TOTAL HOURS WORKED _____		
UNIT LEADER'S NAME _____		
ADDRESS _____		
CITY _____	STATE _____	ZIP CODE _____
FOR COUNCIL USE:		
CERTIFICATE PREPARED _____		
CERTIFICATE RETURNED TO UNIT LEADER _____		
PROJECT INFORMATION RECORDED _____		

## **If your scouts really enjoyed earning the conservation award consider taking the next step and earn the Hornaday Award**

### **Hornaday Awards**

The William T. Hornaday Awards program encourages and recognizes units, Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters who design, lead, and carry out conservation projects that are based on sound scientific principles and practices. The projects should contribute to sound conservation and environmental improvement in the local community, the region, or the nation. The applicant is expected to research potential projects and to choose, with guidance from a Hornaday adviser, a worthy project from a recognized conservation category:

- Energy conservation
- Soil and water conservation
- Fish and wildlife management
- Forestry and range management
- Air and water pollution control
- Resource recovery (recycling)
- Hazardous material disposal and management
- Invasive species control

Seven types of Hornaday awards are available. The local council may present:

- The William T. Hornaday unit certificate for a conservation project by a pack, troop, team, or crew
- The Hornaday badge to individual Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers for outstanding service in conservation
- The Hornaday gold badge to adult Scouters who have given significant leadership to conservation at a council or district level

The National Council confers the other awards.

- Scouts and Venturers may apply for the bronze and silver medals.
- Adult Scouters may be nominated for the gold medal.
- Organizations unaffiliated with Scouting may be nominated for the gold certificate.

For more information on the William T. Hornaday Awards program, visit <http://old.scouting.org/awards/hornaday>.

# How to Log your Unit Service Hours

Go to the website: <https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx>

## First-Time Users – Log In

### What you will need:

Your unit ID (five to 11 digits)

Your unit number (four digits, no letters – ex. Pack 62 = 0062)

**If you do not have this information, or are having difficulty please contact Tyler Yankee ([Tyler.Yankey@scouting.org](mailto:Tyler.Yankey@scouting.org))**

### To register on the site:

1. Place your cursor over the words **New Users Click Here** and click the left mouse button.
2. Click **I agree** at the **Confidentiality Statement** window. If you disagree, you will not be allowed to enter information into the site.
3. Use the unit ID (five- to 11-digit number) and local unit number (four-digit number) you received from the council to fill in the three fields on the user profile page. In the second field, select the type of unit you are registering. If you have not received your unit's ID number or local unit number, call your local council or your district executive. If you are a volunteer for several units, each unit will have a separate ID and local unit number. (Keep this information somewhere where you can find it, because you will need it to change your user name or password.)  
**TIP: If your unit number has less than four digits, add zeros in front of the number so that you have four digits (example: Unit 12 = 0012)**
4. Enter your name, address, city, state, zip code, e-mail address.
5. Type in a user name of your choice. If the user name you typed in is already in use, you will be asked to select another user name.
6. Type in and verify your password. This can be anything you choose between six and 10 characters.
7. Click **Register**. The **Home** page of the data collection site appears.

If you have problems logging in, contact the local council or your district executive to verify your unit ID.

### Returning Users

Type the user name and password that you created when you registered at the site. If you forgot your password, see the next section titled **Forgotten Passwords**.

If you forgot your user name, you will need to contact your district executive or the council so that they can give you the user name you registered.

If you have problems logging in, contact the local council or your district executive to verify your unit ID.

### Forgotten Passwords

If you are trying to log in and you have forgotten your password:

1. Click on the words **Click here to look up your password**.
2. Enter the unit ID that you used when you first registered with the data collection site. If you do not remember the ID, call your local council or your district executive to request it. If you are a volunteer for several units, you must use the unit ID for the unit for which you are submitting the service project data.
3. Enter your e-mail address.

4. Click on **Look up password**. Your password will be e-mailed to you.

### **Entering Service Project Data**

1. Click the service project description that best describes the service project in which your unit participated. Select only one type of service project. Use **Other service project** for any service project that does not fall into the categories listed.
2. To enter the date, click on the calendar icon to the right of the input box. Select the date using the calendar that pops up. Use the arrows on either side of the month name at the top of the calendar to change the month if needed. Click on the day the service project was completed, and the date will automatically be recorded in the date box.
3. Enter the number of youth members (Scouts) who participated in the project.
4. Enter the number of youth who are not members who participated in the project. This might include brothers, sisters, friends, or any other youth not currently a Scout.
5. Enter the number of adult leaders participating in the project. This number should include only registered Scout leaders.
6. Enter the number of other adults who participated in the project. This can include parents, grandparents, or any other adult who is not a registered leader for the unit.
7. Enter the total number of hours that members and non-members worked on the service project from start to finish. This number should include the time worked by both adults and youth.
8. If items were collected, enter the number of items collected.
9. Select the organization(s) with which your unit partnered on this project. If your unit did not partner with any organization(s), select none.
10. You will also be asked who benefited from the project or to what organization the items collected were donated. If the project directly benefited an individual or family, list **individual** in this space. If the project benefited a local charity, school, or other organization, list the name of the local charity, school, or other organization.
11. Space has also been provided for you to type in a brief description of the project.
12. Click on **Submit Report**. Review your answers to ensure that your submission is correct.