

SUGGESTED EAGLE PROJECTS CIRCLE TEN COUNCIL GRAY OWL DISTRICT

This list of Eagle Projects combines a list supplied by National BSA as well as those used in Gray Owl District. Many projects are quite common and range from handicapped access ramps to renovating of old, run down cemeteries. The projects included in this list are not in detail. A brief description is provided to allow the Scout to select an idea. The individual Scout must do the planning of the project, with only guidance from benefiting organization representative, unit leader, and committee member. Almost every institution and agency in the Community needs help at some time or another. Listed below are a few such agencies that provide ideas for Eagle projects.

AGENCY	CONTACT	PHONE
• Nicholson Memorial Library System	Claire Bausch Richard Miller	972-205-2543 972-205-2530
• Garland Area Rehabilitation Center	Mike Pope, CEO	972-272-6526
• Garland Assoc. for Retarded Children now "Achievement Center of Texas"	Theresa Speed Marilynne Cerie	972-272-8343
• Visual Aid Volunteers	Toni Hight, Director	972-272-1615
• Catholic Charities	Joe Brogdon, Assoc. Director	214-520-6590
• Rockwall County Helping Hands	Rickie Fisher, Manager Kay Robbins, Assistant	972-771-4357
• Carver Senior Center	Shannon Stephens, Director	972-205-3305
• Garland Senior Citizens Center	Kenny McCord, Director Melissa Davis, Asst. Dir.	972-205-2769
• Christian Care Center	John Gulley, Administrator	972-686-3000
• Garland Convalescent Center	Becky Vaughn, Activity Director	972-276-9571
• Good Samaritan of Garland		972-276-2263
• Salvation Army	Major Johnson	972-272-4531
• Garland Parks & Recreation	Jack Summers, Park Maintenance	972-205-3586
• Rowlett Parks & Recreation		972-412-6145 972-412-6173
• Rockwall Nursing Care Center	Luz Shutt, Activities Director	972-771-8101
• Silver Leaf Nursing Home	Donna Thomas, Activities Director	972-278-3566
• Parents as Teachers	Lee Ann Daugherty Vickie Baab, Lead Parent Educ.	972-278-8524
• Special Education, GISD	King Harris, Coordinator	972-926-2655
• Dallas County Parks & Open Space Program	Mary Phinney	214-653-6653

A FEW SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS:

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY:

1. Realizing the dangers of storing old outdated medicines in the house, a project was organized to go house-to-house to collect old pills and prescription medicine. The project was carefully planned with Doctors, Druggist, and Law Enforcement Officials to ensure safe handling and disposal. The project required pre-announcement and strict control.
2. Organizing a highway clean up that involved several Scout Troops & Cub Packs. Provided refreshments, trash bags, CB radio Communications, and trucks to haul away trash.
3. Restored and repaired a Veterans Hall damaged by floodwaters. Damaged tables and chairs were refinished, floor tiles replaced; molding and ceiling tiles replaced. Money was raised on a scrap metal drive.
4. Conducted a survey of homes to see if they had smoke detector installed, passed out information on the importance of smoke detectors and simple instructions on how and where to install them. Worked with local fire departments to install smoke detectors in needy homes that could not afford them. Smoke detectors were provided by local fire departments.
5. Removed weeds and debris and planted shrubs and flowers on grounds of local fire station.
6. Cleaned out debris that created a logjam in local creek. Hauled debris to the local dump.
7. Restored horse-drawn buggy for local museum.
8. Made 27 cement boxes for tree planters and planted trees on Main Street.
9. Restored old cemetery by resetting headstones, clearing weeds and brush, repaired walkways, and painted fence.
10. Working with Civil Defense Office, developed a flood evacuation plan. Identified residents, noting elderly and those needing assistance. Prepared file cards for local civil defense office.
11. Painted fire hydrants and cleared weeds and brush around them to improve visibility.
12. Painted street numbers on curbs to assist police and fire departments in home identification.
13. World War Veterans Memorial was cleared of debris and graffiti removed with cooperation of local American Legion Post.
14. Cleaned and reorganized store room at American Red Cross.
15. Cleared trail and repaired bridge on local nature trail.
16. A "People Protector" project. Secured decals and distributed to 175 homes. The decals had baby carriages, wheelchairs, and rocking chairs pictured on them. They were placed in windows where babies, handicapped, and elderly slept.

17. Painted warning signs "Do not dump paint, oil, gas, & other chemical" on curb by sewer drains.
- 18.A "Crime Prevention" Project. Scouts with assistance from local police department developed Operation I.D. Going to homes, they engraved valuables with owners Social Security Number and filled in an identification card.
- 19.A "CHILD IDENTIFICATION" Project. Scouts working with local law enforcement officers fingerprinted over 2000 children and teens at local recreation center.

SERVICE TO SCHOOLS:

1. Working with the school PTA Scouts planted shrubs, flowers and trees to landscape school playground.
2. Painted square games on blacktop play ground and installed three tetherball standards.
3. Painted school-crossing zones.
4. Painted spectator's benches at school athletic field.
5. Set up a tutoring center for children with learning disabilities.
6. Painted map of the United States on blacktop.

SERVICE TO CHURCHES:

1. To aid handicapped worshipers, an access ramp was built to accommodate wheelchairs.
2. Erected flag poles at local church. Money raised from bake sale and car wash.
3. Cleaned, built shelving, and organized church storeroom.
4. Built and painted toy boxes for church nursery. Collected toys to fill them.
5. Cleaned, repaired, and erected play ground equipment. Painted benches and planted scrubs and trees to landscape.
6. Cleared weeds, brush, trees, and debris from church grounds.
7. Cleaned church gym replaced damaged ceiling tiles, and defective lights and fixtures.
8. Built a volleyball court on church grounds.
9. Measured, masked off, and painted the parking area of the church parking lot. Marked handicapped parking spots.
10. Built an outdoor flower garden in front of the church.
11. Setup a transportation program to allow elderly disabled worshipers to attend services. Matched drivers with people needing assistance.
12. Restored pews and kneeling stands in one of the oldest churches in the community.

SERVICE TO NURSING HOMES & THE ELDERLY (COMMUNITY)

1. Collecting donations from local stores and product manufacturers of various toiletry items, care packages were made, and distributed to a local nursing home.
2. Held a jazz festival at a local nursing home using the High School Jazz Band and Scout troop to serve refreshments.
3. Organized Scouts to visit local nursing home and adopt a patient to visit, talk, and read to for at least an hour once a month.
4. Organized a magazine and book drive, collected and delivered to local nursing home.
5. Sanded and painted outdoor furniture and made a shuffleboard court was constructed at a senior citizens nursing home.
6. A Picnic area and walking trail were constructed adjoining an apartment development for elderly so the residents could enjoy fresh air and exercise.

OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET:

There are a number of web sites which provide a lot information on Eagle service projects, including many examples of:

- Eagle projects
- sources for Eagle projects
- requirements
- how to select one
- how to plan it
- things to consider
- completing the project
- how to write it up
- how to prepare for the board of review
- many helpful resources and links to other web sites with additional resources

Below is a list of some web sites with information on Eagle projects:

<http://home.flash.net/~smithrc/eagleprj.htm>

<http://www.eaglescout.org>

<http://www.kistenet.com/troop870/eagleprojideas.HTM>

<http://members.tripod.com/~awhitfield/project.html>

<http://www.troop111.org/potential.html>

In addition, you might use a search engine such as <http://dogpile.com/> to search on "eagle project" and find additional web pages.