

ADOPT-A-TRAIL SERVICE PROGRAM

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The Circle 10 Trails Committee is sponsoring an Adopt-A-Trail Service program to maintain approximately 30 miles of multi-purpose trails and trail activity areas within the four Circle 10 camps. This is a great opportunity for your Scouting Unit to have a big affect on the quality of trail experience that we all enjoy, and to earn service hours. Scouting Units register to maintain about a 1-mile section of trail at the Circle 10 camp of their choice. Each camp has a dedicated Trail Steward who is responsible for helping Units identify and schedule work to be done, and to be a liaison for the Camp Ranger.

How the program works

Your unit commits to adopting a one mile section of trail at one of the Circle 10 Scout camps. Each unit will provide at least 2 service days per year to improve and maintain their section of trail. Typically, this will require about 8 hours of work for a crew. The Camp Trail Steward will help the Units identify, coordinate and communicate the work that is needed, and provide any necessary tools, materials and training. The one mile section of trail may not always be the same depending on the overall needs of the trail. Ideally, each Unit will work once in the spring, and once in the fall of the year. The adoption commitment will remain in effect for as long as the Unit performs the yearly maintenance projects.

There are special patches for participants, and opportunities to earn patches for special trail project activities.

How the Scouts benefit

- Earn service hours towards advancement and special awards such as the 50-Miler or National Outdoors Award
- Instills the values of stewardship and conservation in youth
- Pride in Ownership – We take care of what we help build & maintain

Common trail needs

- Clean-up of storm damage – limbs and trees
- Erosion repairs and installation of erosion bars
- Clearing overgrown or unsafe brush and vegetation
- Picking up litter and trash
- Maintaining trail makers – new signs or painting blazes

Trail Stewards

The Trail Stewards are Scouters that are very familiar with the trails and have a long standing relationship with the Ranger staff. All service visits and projects must be pre-approved by the Camps Trail Steward. Because of the busy camp schedules, this approval should be done at least 30-days before the work day. The Camp Trail Steward will coordinate with the Unit Contact person. The Trail Steward will work with the Rangers to ensure that materials, tools and safety briefings are ready for the work crew when they arrive.

PROGRAM TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- Adoption of a one (1) mile section of trail at any Circle 10 camp does not imply any form of ownership, or special privilege. Units may not construct or post any additional signage or structures or lay claim to "ownership" of their adopted trail.
- All projects must be pre-approved, and workdays coordinated with the Camp Trail Steward. The Camp Rangers work within a maintenance budget, and need to plan and approve any expenses.
- All BSA safety rules and standards must be adhered to, as well as any camp-related rules. Only Properly trained and authorized adults may operate chain saws and other power tools.
- Adoptions automatically renew yearly and remain in effect as long as the unit provides the minimum amount of service hours per year.
- Units must notify the Camp Trail Steward of any changes in leadership or contact information.
- If a unit fails to complete the minimum number of work days required by the program or does not provide maintenance as agreed, the Camp Trail Steward may reassign that trail portion to another Unit.