



FAQ

What is the time commitment for the unit? We request a year's commitment, but our hope is to build strong, sustained relationships with these schools.

How much time (weekly or monthly) is the unit expected to give? Your pledge would be to complete one project per quarter, but if you would like to do more, it would be encouraged and supported.

What commitment is expected from the school? We expect the school representatives to be cooperative in identifying their needs and in helping to outline the projects that will best satisfy those needs.

What do we expect the Scouts to be doing? Cleaning around the school? Doing construction projects? Working events? Please refer to Volunteer Ideas sheet

Who do you expect to make the initial contact? It might be the Commissioner, a District Executive, or Scout Leader, but we recommend that your contact person be the person who has the strongest connection to a local school.

Who do we need to speak to first? Principal? Teachers? PTA? We would encourage you to contact the principal first, then, involve teachers and the PTA on an as-needed basis.

Can the unit opt out of the commitment if it's not working for them? Can the school opt out? Yes, but we hope both parties will do everything possible to honor the one-year pledge.

What's in it for the school? Council? Unit? The school will benefit from the service projects that the units perform. The council will benefit from having a relationship with schools that they were not connected to in the past. The unit benefits in earning JTE service hours, recruitment possibilities, and let's not forget the great reward, patches.

How do I get the patches? When a unit pledges online at www.bsaadoptaschool.org/, a notification is sent to the National Council. That is the trigger a notification to mail out the large, yellow patch to the unit leader. After a service project is performed and logged into JTE, a unit will need to also post on the blog (pictures are most welcome) and that will also trigger a notification to mail out the mini patches (rockers).

What do I need to post on the blog to get the mini patches? Please make sure the post contains the unit number, the school, the number of Scouts as well as volunteers that performed the service, and the service performed.