

## CONSERVATION GOOD TURN PATCH

The Conservation Good Turn is an opportunity for Cub Scout packs to join conservation or environmental organizations (federal, state, local, or private) to carry out a Conservation Good Turn in their home communities. To earn this patch, a pack contacts a conservation agency and offers to carry out a Good Turn project. The agency then identifies a worthwhile and needed project that the pack can accomplish. Working together in the local community, the pack and the agency plan the details and establish the date, time and location for carrying out the project.



Cub Scouting's 'Conservation Good Turn' should involve the entire Cub Scout pack, including each den, adult leaders and family members. Patches may also be earned by a den and family members. Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts participating in the Conservation Good Turn may also meet some advancement requirements. Suggested projects include, but are not limited to:

1. Plant grasses, trees, shrubs, and ground cover to stop soil erosion.
2. As a den or pack, adopt a park. Remove litter and garbage from a favorite neighborhood recreation area or park.
3. Organize or participate in a recycling program in your neighborhood, and visit a recycling center.
4. Arrange a natural resources awareness program. Invite natural resource professionals such as a wildlife biologist, soil conservationist, forester, or conservation officer to speak to your pack.
5. Participate in a beach or waterfront clean-up. Record the items collected and determine the possible harmful effects to wildlife. With youth participation, develop a plan to educate the public about the dangers posed to wildlife.
6. Participate in an Earth Day project.
7. Plant a tree on Arbor Day. (The last Friday in April.)
8. Practice No Trace when hiking, picnicking and camping. Leave the area cleaner than you found it. For more information contact the Forest Service. Obtain suggestions for den and pack projects to improve the environment from a local, state, or National organization that is concerned about environmental protection.
9. As a den or pack, visit a public utility to learn about wise use of resources and become involved in programs offered by utilities to help consumers conserve resources.
10. Contact the Great Salt Lake Council Director of Camping for information about camp needs and plans. Establish a nature trail, plant vegetation, or carry out other needed projects as requested by the Director.

After the pack has completed the project, an application is then filled out and submitted to a Council Service Center. Upon approval, a pack leader may purchase patches and a certificate to recognize the pack as well individual youth and adult members. These are purchased at the local Scout Shop.

Many agencies are resources for the BSA's Conservation Good Turn including the following:

- Department of Natural Resources (801) 538-7200
- Project WILD Leader Training (801) 538-4719
- Bureau of Land Management Salt Lake Field Office (801) 539-4001
- Utah Geological Survey (801) 537-3300
- Utah Society for Environmental Education (Project Learning Tree) (801) 328-1549
- Utah Rivers Council (801) 486-4776
- The Nature Conservancy (801) 238-2339

# CONSERVATION GOOD TURN CERTIFICATE APPLICATION

(SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER.)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT TYPE AND NO. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

(PACK, TROOP, TEAM, CREW)

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 \_\_\_\_\_