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NINTH POINT COMMITTEE

CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Chattahoochee Alien Species Cleanup
Indian Creek Reclamation

PROPERTIES SUSTAINABILITY

Volunteer Service Center
Bert Adams, Woodruff, Allatoona Camps
ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager

GOING GREEN EDUCATION

Reduce – Reuse – Recycle
Pertinent Merit Badges
LEAVE NO TRACE[®]

NINTH POINT UNIT AWARD

Cub Scout Pack Ninth Point Award
Boy Scout Troop Ninth Point Award
Tracking Sheets
Council Shoulder Patch Recognition

Ninth Point Troop Award

To achieve the Green Scouting Award a Troop must attain total minimum points with at least 25% of the total points coming from each of the following 3 categories and must include participation by both Boy Scout and adult leaders. The total minimum points for a particular troop are calculated by taking the total number of registered Scouts times 4 plus the total number of registered leaders times 4. At least 60% of the troop (the total of boys and leaders) must participate in each of the three categories before the troop can earn points.

An application for the award must be provided to the District leadership for approval, and must include a short written description of the projects, including the projects start and end dates.

Service to Community – Earn 1 point for each scout or leader completing community conservation or clean-up project of at least 4 hours for each participating Scout, an additional point is awarded for every 4 hours of participation beyond the first 4 hours. The project should be performed for the community at large or at a Scout camp or for a National or State Park or any other national, state or local government agency. It could be an ongoing project such as “Adopt-a-Mile” or a “Clean and Beautiful” project. If it is an ongoing service project such as “Adopt-a-Mile” then each time a clean-up is scheduled it can be treated as a separate project. A “Scouting for State Parks” project can count.

The community service project must be approved by the Troop Community.

Education – Earn 5 points for each person (youth or adult) who earns the “Leave No Trace Award”.

- Earn 5 points for each person who serves on a Leave No Trace Award Master Level staff
- Earn 1 point for each Scout who earns Environmental Science Merit Badge
- Earn 1 point for each Scout who earns Soil and Water Conservation Merit Badge
- Earn 1 point for each Scout who earns Nature Merit Badge
- Earn 1 point for each Scout who earns Forestry Merit Badge
- Earn 1 point for each Scout who earns Fish and Wildlife Management Merit Badge
- Earn 1 point for each Scout who earns Backpacking Merit Badge
- An adult leader can earn 1 point for teaching a merit badge course for each of the above

Sustainability – Earn 10 points for setting up a Troop sustainability project which could include recycling, carpooling to Scout meetings, replacing the light bulbs in the Scout hut with compact florescent ones, installing low-flow toilets, using public transportation or carpooling to school or work instead of individual driving, conduct a community old paint disposal day. The main requirement is that the project for either family or troop must be sustainable over the period of at least three consecutive months, and the project must be approved by your Troop Committee.

Sustainability mantra: Reduce/Reuse/Recycle

Ninth Point Troop Award

Earn points each for every Scout family who:

- Installs low-flow water spigots – 1 point earned for each spigot
- Installs low-flow shower heads – 1 point earned for each shower head
- Installs 3 compact florescent light bulbs – 1 point for each 3 light bulbs
- Converts to reusable cloth shopping bags – 1 point
- Recycles Aluminum – 1 point
- Recycles Plastic – 1 point
- Recycles Glass – 1 point
- Recycles Paper – 1 point
- Any other family project designed to conserve natural resources – 1 point
- Journal monthly family cost savings for three months, comparing each month's cost compared to the same month in the previous year – 1 point
- Establish a family composting project – 1 point
- Plant a vegetable garden – 1 point
- Other: specify _____

Resources:

US Department of Agriculture → <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/feature/backyard>

TIPS:

- Do not limit your activities to just those mentioned herein – use your imagination
- Make use of these resources and any other you can identify
- Make your report creative – use pictures, drawings or posters

