

Scout and Community Service Projects 2022

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Purpose and Objectives

Organized groups of volunteers, for example scout, church, or school groups, perform service projects in support of Calvert County Natural Resources. A variety of service projects are available, and opportunities will change over time as some projects are completed and new ones are added. We also welcome ideas for projects.

Skills Needed

Skills vary by the project and service group

Volunteer Duties and Expectations

Service Groups commit to a specific project and to a completion time line. See the attached Proposal Form.

Training and Qualifications

Varies by project and service group

Scout Projects

- 🗑️ Douglass Abbot (Troop 303) extended the Duncan's Pond Boardwalk as his Eagle Scout project.
- 🗑️ Boy Scout Micah Krenik built a new display board for his Eagle Scout project for the trail head closest to the amphitheater at Kings Landing Park. This board will display relevant park information such as maps, rules, regulations and park events.
- 🗑️ Wesley Garrett, Troop 429, completed his Eagle Scout project adding benches at Hutchins Pond.
- 🗑️ James Horning, Troop 420, Eagle Scout project was repairing the Woodland Amphitheater benches & building fire ring at Kings Landing Park.
- 🗑️ Jeremiah Jenkins, Scout Troop 407, installed the new information kiosk at Battle Creek for his Eagle Scout project.
- 🗑️ Girl Scout Troop 11012 installed cement pavers featuring trees and flowers, painted the cement mushrooms, added paddles for the PVC xylophone, created a mural on the hut, and planted Black-Eyed Susan around the pergola, at Kings Landing Park.
- 🗑️ Scouts from the Western Shore Order of the Arrow cleaned out the garden at Wisner Hall and removed Autumn Olive from the meadow at the equestrian center, all at Kings Landing Park.



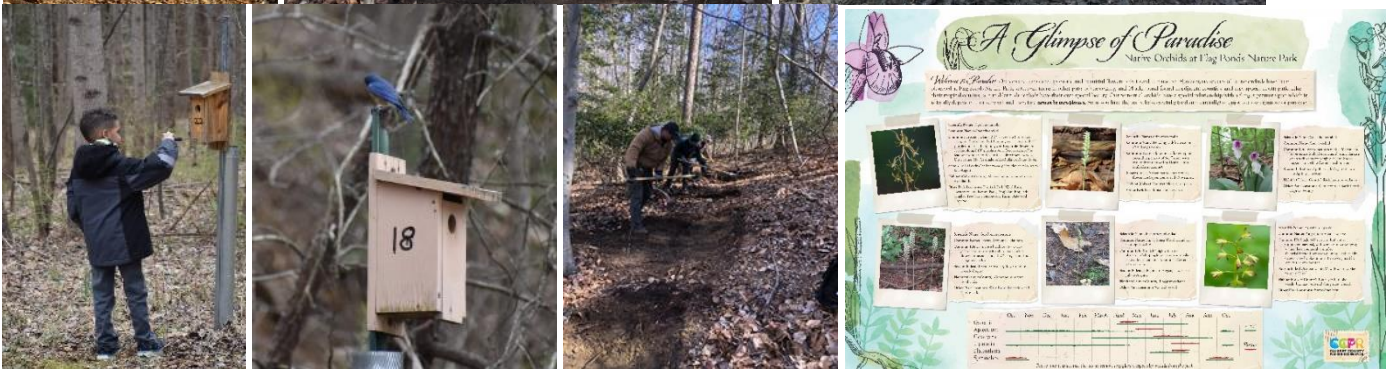
Other scout projects include: Ryder Russell replaced a section of the Fisherman's Boardwalk at Flag Ponds Nature Park for his Eagle Scout project; American Heritage Girls pulled stilt grass from around the Kings Landing meadow maze area, filling a total of 13 trash bags; Girl Scout Troop 4678 hosted an invitational event at the Kings Landing pavilion to show young girls what the scouts are all about and introduce them to the scouts' main tenets and opportunities.

Other Service Groups

- 🗑️ Calvert Stewards Camryn Arnstein, Rick Popp (pictured) and Gary Pendleton helped repair trail erosion at Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm caused during the heavy rains and thawing of snow.

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- ☞ Staff participated in an introduction to sustainable trail building.
- ☞ We hosted four volunteer trail work days throughout the month of March. Due to the hard work and dedication of staff and volunteers, we were able to finish work on the Woodland Creek Trail. This new single-track trail is 1.8 miles long one-way, and provides a challenging hike through the upland forest. Ian, Tori and Calvert Steward Rick Popp building trail
- ☞ Calvert Steward Mary Hollinger and her grandson were excited to find several nests and eggs while checking the bluebird nest boxes. CETY funds have been used throughout the years to buy the wood needed for our nest boxes.
- ☞ Calvert Stewards Mary and Gordon Burton helped design an interpretive sign about orchids, and worked with park staff to remove stilt grass from an area of a rare orchid. Park staff is working on trail improvements to protect this population from hikers.



The Rotary Club of Prince Frederick held its Workday at the Gazebo in King Memorial Park. Nine volunteers mulched the gardens and painted the gazebo

Adopt a Park & Adopt A Beach

Two groups became Sponsors of Dunkirk District Park. MAEVE Northern Calvert sponsored the Adopt a Park program for Dunkirk District Park. Their first Clean Up Day will be April 22, 2023; and Dunkirk Warrior Boys & Girls Club.

Other Activities

Calvert Nature Society was awarded a \$4000 CETY (Calvert Environmental Trust for Youth) grant to support at least six youth service projects the Calvert Stewards, Scout and Community Service Projects throughout the Natural Resources Nature Parks. Funds were used for purchasing lumber, paint, tools, and other materials needed to complete the projects.

The Department Volunteer Coordination is now under the auspices of the Division. This provides an opportunity to expand service projects beyond the limitations of Natural Resources Staff.

A new Program on Calvert Stewards was created for Administrative use to track service group hours.

Future Plans

- Evaluated the Adopt A Park/Beach program to determine if there is a more effective way of accomplishing the program goals.
- Develop or refine SOP for Service Groups and Volunteer Management
- See Ideas for Service Projects below

Attachment: Scout & Service Project Proposal Form

Service Project Ideas

Kiosks & Bulletin Boards

Most parks have at least one location.

- Gatewood: Trail Map & Park Info by front parking
- Gatewood: Trail Map & Park info by House
- Hughes Tree Farm: Trail Map & Park Info by parking

Trail Wayfinding Markers

Most parks have at least one location.

- Hughes Tree Farm
- Ward Farm

Picnic Tables & Benches

Most parks have at least one location.

- Ward Farm
- Hughes Tree Farm
- Gatewood
- Biscoe Gray Gazebo
- Kings Landing archery range
- Kings Landing meadow maze

Orienteering Course

- Biscoe Gray/Gatewood
- Hughes Tree Farm
- Ward Farm

Pollinator Gardens

Most parks have at least one location.

- Battle Creek
- Flag Ponds
- Gatewood
- Ward Farm
- Meadow management

Overlooks

Most parks have at least one location.

- Ward Farm: Fox Den Trail
- Ward Farm: Ridge Trail
- Ward Farm: Hall Creek
- Biscoe Gray: Cathole Trail
- Biscoe Gray: End of Money Crop Trail
- Gatewood: Battle Creek by pier

Interpretive Display

Most parks have at least one location.

- Story book trail
- Outreach displays and activities
- Nature trading post

Gaga Ball Pit

- Kings Landing equestrian area

Invasive Plant Removal

- Most parks have at least one location.
- Kings Landing – autumn olive, stilt grass

Boardwalk Repairs

- Kings Landing – Cocktown Creek Trail

Bat Houses

- Kings Landing

Kings Landing Specific Project Ideas

- Repair/Replace broken challenge course obstacles

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