



Community Service

Dear Cubmasters & Scoutmasters,

Congratulations to our Raritan Valley winners of the Community Service Award for 2018

*Pack 113 -Somerset Presbyterian Church, Somerset 243 hours, 16 Scouts, 15.19 hours per youth
Troop 185- North Branch Reformed Church, Bridgewater, 1501 hours, 42 Scouts
Troop 186-Elks Lodge, Manville/Hillsborough, 28 Scouts, 39.89 hours per youth*

Don't forget to log your service hours.

<https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx>

or

download the PPC app on your device from the App Store

*Attached are several service opportunities, Operation Shoebox NJ, SHIP, Canal Cleanup & Somerset County Parks.
Please share this information with your Scouts, Leaders and Parents.*

Reminders:

Community Service Chairperson:

As a council we are looking to have each unit to have someone be a Community Service Chairperson. This person would be responsible for organizing service events as well as reporting the hours. Please let me know if you have one /find a Chairperson so I can communicate with them when service opportunities arise. If you have someone interested but they would like more information, please have them reach out to me.

Serv Awards:

<https://ppcbasa.org/wp-content/uploads/SERV-Award-Tracking-Form-2019.pdf>

Scouting for Food:

If your unit would like to participate please email me and I can send you information on where to get the bags and where to donate food.

Pictures:

If you take pictures during service events please email them to me so we can post them on Facebook and at various events during the year.

Yours In Scouting,

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Raritan Valley Community Service Chairperson

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Operation Shoebox NJ

If you can make any of the April shopping sprees please email me so I can notify Operation Shoebox.

Generally they only need 4-6 people per shift. I will send out reminders about the May & June shopping sprees. The packing dates are also listed if you want to mark your calendars.

April

6th Sat. Stop n Shop of Piscataway 581 Stelton Rd. Piscataway, NJ 08854
7th Sun Stop n Shop of Piscataway 581 Stelton Rd Piscataway, NJ 08854
20th Sat. Shop Rite of Branchburg 3166 Route 22 Branchburg, NJ 08876
27th Sat. Stop n Shop of Somerset 940 Easton Ave. Somerset, NJ 08873
28th Sun. Stop n Shop of Somerset 940 Easton Ave. Somerset, NJ 08873

May

25th Sat. Shop Rite of Somerville 1 South Davenport St. Somerville, NJ 08876
26th Sun. Shop Rite of Somerville 1 South Davenport St. Somerville, NJ 08876

June

2nd Sun. Shop Rite of Flemington 272 US 202 & NJ 31 Flemington, NJ 08822
8th Sat. Shop Rite of Somerset 435 Elizabeth Ave. Somerset, NJ 08873 (This Event will be Staffed by Our Canal Walk Veterans of Somerset)
9th Sun. Shop Rite of Somerset 435 Elizabeth Ave. Somerset, NJ 08873
15th Sat. Stop n Shop of Flemington 334 State Route 31 Flemington, NJ 08822
29th Sat. Shop Rite of Branchburg 3166 Route 22 Branchburg, NJ 08876
30th Sun. Shop Rite of Branchburg 3166 Route 22 Branchburg, NJ 08876

Shifts are 9:30AM to 12:00PM 11:30AM to 2:00PM 1:30PM to 3:30PM

Upcoming Packing Dates are:

August 10th Patriots Stadium 11:00AM to 2:00PM

November 9th VFW Manville, 11:00AM to 2:00PM

December 7th YMCA Hillsborough 11:00AM to 2:00PM

SHIP- Samirtan Homeless Intervention Program Somerville, NJ

Please reach out to Mr. O'Leary if you are interested in one of the service ideas listed below.

VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITIES

- Service (1): Food: Collect individual portion pop-up & pull-top cans of meats, meals, etc. (for drop-in clients) OR Collect cans of Beef-a-Roni, beans, etc. for the soup kitchen ((2) #10 size or 18 small per meal) OR Make a casserole with your troop. Nothing fancy - mac n' cheese, franks and beans, sliced ham is fine or whatever your specialty. SHIP requests that we supply (2) 1/2 tray sizes of the same meal as opposed to one full (turkey sized) aluminum tray size.
- Service (2): Hygiene: Make up individual small hygiene bags (3-day supply) with a toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, etc.
- Service (3): Decorations: Make placemats, table decorations, and seasonal decorations: SHIP's Holiday Meals – Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and Easter Sunday.
- Service (4): Clothing: Collect winter gloves, new socks & underwear (adult men's sizes) OR run adult coat drive. (While SHIP does not have the facilities for large scale sorting of used clothing, winter coats are much needed this time of year, especially adult men's sizes.)
- Service (5): Participate in SHIP's holiday meals, Help serve meals & other duties (held on Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas).
- Service (6): Run a Holiday Toy Drive
- Service (7): Assist with SHIP's Annual Night of Celebration (set up and other chores) each year, date TBD.
- Service (8): Help with Client's Christmas party in December – will be a children only party with face painting, games, toys, treats (make cookies, cupcakes, other Christmas treats), etc. for approx. 200 children on a Saturday.
- Service (9): Help with mobile soup kitchen (must be 16 ½ years old.)
- Service (10): Help with summer picnics 2001 (typically June & July).
- Service (11): Make sandwiches (60) in brown bags, labeled appropriately: Ham & Cheese (HC), Bologna (B) Tuna (TF) Turkey (TF) American Cheese (C) Peanut Butter & Jelly (PJ). Also include: one piece of fruit, juice box, snack (chips, cookies etc.) and napkin per bag. NO MUSTARD or DRESSING.

Contact: Tom O'Leary, Director Number: 908-725-3025
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**Mayor Hayes Invites All
to the
Raritan River, Canal & Trail
CleanUP!**

April 6th 10 am

Come on out and help your friends and neighbors
keep our waterways clean!

Meet up at Canal Street Park

By John Basilone Statue

2 miles of area

(Nevius Street Bridge to Duke Island Park Trail Entrance)

Canoes needed for Canal Clean UP

(Portage back of American Legion Post and the Hibernia
Foot Bridge parking area by Woodmere Street intersection)

You are responsible for your own safety/actions

Supplies Provided

Hard Rain Cancels Event

[Find the event on Facebook.](#)

#trashtag #raritanrivercleanup

Somerset County Park Commission

Somerset County Park’s commission is a big supporter of Patriot’s Path Council and is looking for help on the following projects.

If your Pack or Troop is interested in helping please email me so I can connect you with the manager of the different centers.

Environmental Education Center Located in Basking Ridge

- Removal of invasive species
- General trail maintenance
- Mulching, weeding, helping out in the Discovery Garden
- Cleaning and repainting the inside of the East and West Observation Blinds
- Digging out and replacing some of the drainage piping along the trails

Lord Stirling Stables- Basking Ridge

Any Scouts that take on these projects will be invited to a July- Hayride & Marshmallow roast

Location & Task	Age Group	Stable to Supply	Scouts to Supply	Time Frame
Maintenance Barn - Paint (8) Dutch doors, (2) full doors, & trim around (5) windows	High school	Red latex paint Pre-pressure washed surface & tape edges	Paint brushes Paint trays	Mid May Must be on Saturday between 6:30am & 3pm
Small storage building next to maintenance generator - Scrape off old paint and repaint	7 th grade and up	Red latex paint White latex paint Pre-pressure washed surface	Paint brushes Paint trays Scraping tools/brushes	Mid May Must be on a Saturday between 6:30am & 3pm
Jumps – to be set up on grass, painted different colors and patterns as indicated on a chart	4 th grade and up	Latex paint of various colors Pre-pressure washed surfaces	Paint brushes Paint trays	Mid May to end of June Must be on a Saturday between 6:30am & 3pm
Pony Sheds & Run-in Shelters – paint green and white as designated	7 th grade and up	Green latex paint White latex paint Pre-pressure washed surface	Paint brushes Paint trays	Mid May to end of June Must be on a Saturday between 6:30am & 3pm
Indoor Arena – Paint kickboard around the arena	7 th grade and up	White latex paint Pre-pressure washed surface	Paint brushes Paint trays	June 1, 2, 15 or 16* *must be one of these dates
Trail System – prune back overgrowth and pick up sticks on trails	1 st grade and up	Map of trails	Loppers & pruning shears	April – June Must be on a Saturday or Sunday between 8am and 3pm.

