



# Messengers of Peace



## Scouts Around the Globe Are Creating World Peace

### Program Overview

Messengers of Peace is a global initiative designed to inspire millions of young people in more than 220 countries and territories to work toward peace. Scouts from around the world share what they've done and inspire fellow Scouts to undertake similar efforts in their own communities.

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## About Messengers of Peace

The Messengers of Peace initiative is inspired by the World Scout Committee, administered by the World Scout Bureau, and driven by youth volunteers worldwide. Through their efforts these volunteers will create a mosaic of stories, data, and results showing the global impact of the Scout movement. Their achievements will make this program an invaluable tool for recruiting members, assuring parents, inspiring donors, and making existing members proud to be Scouts.

## Defining Peace

Peace is more than the absence of war. It encompasses harmony between individuals, between communities, and between humankind and the environment. A Messengers of Peace service project is defined as any project that touches on one of three dimensions of peace:

1. The personal dimension: harmony, justice, and equality
2. The community dimension: peace as opposed to hostility or violent conflict
3. Relationships between humankind and its environment: security, social and economic welfare, and relationship with the environment

Any Scout or Scouter who participates in a project that has had a significant impact on the community in any one of the three dimensions can qualify as a Messenger of Peace.

## Recognition

Any Scout or Scouter who participates in a qualifying project is eligible to wear a Messengers of Peace ring patch around the World Crest on his or her uniform. To purchase these ring patches, a unit representative should take the unit certificate to the local Scout shop or council service center.





## Messengers of Peace Service Project Ideas

### Personal Dimension

- Host a holiday party for children of prison inmates.
- Collect books and magazines for inner-city schools.
- Conduct entertainment programs, including skits and plays, at a nursing home.
- Make and donate gift boxes to be distributed by Feed the Children.
- Assist organizations that provide home maintenance services for those in need.
- Clean a Habitat for Humanity house before the family moves in.

### Community Dimension

- Create a community prayer garden.
- Replace graffiti with peace-related murals.
- Host conflict-resolution workshops in a local school.
- Plan a sports tournament that brings together kids from different segments of the community.
- Serve as "victims" for a county EMT or first responders training course.
- Assist in the packaging of medical supplies for developing countries.





## Environmental Dimension

- Clean up a campground, a local park, a river, or a school parking lot.
- Assist with a shoreline-restoration project.
- Collect and dispose of household chemicals, batteries, and other potentially dangerous waste products from the residences of shut-ins.
- Remove invasive species and plant native trees in a park.
- Volunteer at a community recycling center.
- Clear brush from a fire buffer zone.



## What Types of Projects Qualify as Messengers of Peace Projects?

Any project that has a significant impact on the community will qualify. Messengers of Peace projects include unit-level projects, William T. Hornaday Award, and Eagle Scout service projects—any projects undertaken within a Scouting context that impact peace. Your project qualifies if it meets this definition of peace. No one beyond the unit has to approve a project's Messengers of Peace status.

## Submitting a Project

Submitting Messengers of Peace-related projects is easy for BSA units. All they need to do is select Messengers of Peace as the partner organization when entering a service project through the Journey to Excellence website ([www.scouting.org/Awards/JourneyToExcellence](http://www.scouting.org/Awards/JourneyToExcellence)). Doing so will add the project to the map on the Messengers of Peace website (<http://scoutmessengers.com>) and will generate a unit certificate.

## Who Should Report Messengers of Peace Service Projects?

Messengers of Peace service projects should be reported by the individual in each unit designated to report Journey to Excellence service projects.

## How Can I Share a Messengers of Peace Video?

Just look for the video submission link at [www.scouting.org/messengersofpeace](http://www.scouting.org/messengersofpeace). Links to YouTube videos are preferred.





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**For tips on conducting successful projects, visit:**

[www.scouting.org/Awards/JourneyToExcellence/unit\\_tips](http://www.scouting.org/Awards/JourneyToExcellence/unit_tips).

**For more information, visit:**

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