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Resource Stewardship Scout Ranger Program

The ***Resource Stewardship Scout Ranger*** program invites Boy and Cub Scouts to participate in educational and/or volunteer service projects at national park sites to spark their awareness of the national parks and to provide Scouts with the opportunity to explore the national parks and learn more about protecting our natural and cultural resources. Scouts are awarded certificates and/or patches for participating in the program.

Boy and Cub Scouts gather together at Adams National Historical Park in Quincy, MA.

A Boy Scout troop enjoys a trip down the Bright Angel Trail at Grand Canyon National Park, AZ.

How to earn a Scout Ranger certificate or patch

Scouts can earn a certificate or patch by participating in:

- *organized educational programs*
- *volunteer service projects.*

To earn a troop certificate, troops must participate for a minimum of **five** hours at one or more national park sites.

To earn a patch, scouts must participate for a minimum of **ten** hours at one or more national park sites.

Qualifying organized educational programs:

- Ranger guided interpretive tours
- Junior Ranger programs
- Environmental education programs
- Any other official NPS education program

Qualifying volunteer service projects:

Any organized project that helps and enhances the natural and/or cultural resources of a park unit and is identified by the park as an appropriate volunteer opportunity.

How to get started

1) Visit the Scout Ranger website: www.nps.gov/gettinginvolved/youthprograms/scoutrangers.htm to find out more information about the program.

2) Visit www.nps.gov/findapark/index.htm to find a national park site in your area.

3) Think about the projects your troop would be interested in and time frame for completion.

4) If you would like to provide volunteer service or if you intend to participate in an activity that is not part of a regularly scheduled interpretive program to fulfill the program requirements, contact the park to discuss the possible activities.

For more information contact the NPS at 202-513-7146, npsyouthprograms@nps.gov or visit **www.nps.gov/gettinginvolved/youthprograms/scoutrangers.htm**