

Service

Overview: For almost every award in venturing there are requirements centered around service. Service, being the “S” in “ALPS” is one of the key things in Venturing. This document will guide you through the service requirements for your next rank, as well as answer any questions you may have.

What is service?: Service can be described as a non-paid task designed to help someone other than yourself. Service projects can be a number of things, such as cleaning up a park, collecting canned foods, sustaining your crew, or volunteering in a soup kitchen. When collecting hours for your awards, they must be from at least two different activities.

Crew Vs. Personal Service: In your Venturing handbook, it says that half of your service requirement for your Discovery and Pathfinder awards can be delivered personally, but the rest must be with the crew. Personal service is something completely unrelated to scouts and your Venture crew. For example, it could be participating in a school canned food drive, or tutoring other students. Crew service, on the other hand, is scout related and may even be organized by your crew. It could be an event organized your crew, another crew/troop, or even the council. It is okay to have a mix of both personal and crew service, but only half (12 hours for Discovery and 18 hours for Pathfinder), can be personal.

Crew Sustainability Project: For your Pathfinder award, it is required to lead a crew sustainability project. A crew sustainability project is a project or event designed to sustain, grow, and help fortify your crew for years to come. For example, this could be a meeting where each member brings a friend in hope to recruit more members. It is your responsibility to design, plan, and get your project approved. For your other awards, crew sustainability will count as service with your crew, but may not be used for all of your hours.

Pathfinder and Summit: For your pathfinder award, it is required to participate in an additional 36 hours of community service. This means that it is **not** an extra 12 added to the 24 from your Discovery, but a separate, new 36. The service project required to earn Summit must be separate from the service done for your previous awards. The project can be compared to an Eagle Scout Project, or a Girl Scout Gold Award Project. If you have previously received any of these awards, the service project done for them cannot be used for your Summit requirement. For more information on organizing a Summit project, consult other resources specifically designed for the Venturing Summit Award Service Project.

Service Log: The service log below is provided in case you need a place to store your hours. It is not mandatory to use. In the “Service” column goes the project you. If it was organized by a specific person, crew, council, organization, or school, put that information in the “Contact” column.

Service Log

Name: _____

Crew: _____

Date	Service	Time	Contact

Total Time: _____
