

Eagle Scout Projects at Dane County Parks



Eagle Scouts are important volunteers in the Dane County Parks (DCP) system. They complete numerous projects each year to benefit our parks, visitors, and wildlife. Dane County Parks gets dozens of requests for Eagle Projects each year, but not all are approved. Demonstrating maturity, excellent planning skills, and having a well-considered and worthy project will increase the odds that a Scout's project will be approved.

FIRST STEPS:

1. Identify a potential project:
 - The Scout should find a project that corrects a problem or enhances an amenity in one of our parks. The Scout may contact DCP staff, DCP volunteer(s) or Friends/ Partner Group representative(s) for ideas for a project.
 - It is **not** staff's responsibility to find a project for the Scout.
2. Review project with park staff:
 - After identifying a project idea, the Scout must review the project with DCP staff to receive initial approval.
3. Following initial approval, the Scout will:
 - a. Complete the "[Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal](#)" form from the official [Eagle Project Workbook](#); the "Project Beneficiary" being Dane County Parks and the "Project Beneficiary Representative" being the Land & Water Volunteer Coordinator.
 - b. Submit proposal to the Land & Water Volunteer Coordinator for final review.
 - i. The Scout should include the names and contact information for the staff who provided initial approval on the project, as well as contact information for DCP volunteer(s) or Friends/ Partner Group representative(s) that they may be working with when submitting their form for final review.

AFTER FINAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

1. Register as a Dane County Parks Volunteer by filling out our [Volunteer Registration Form](#).
2. Set up and review project schedule with staff or a DCP Friends Group representative:
 - a. The project schedule must include an on-site meeting prior to project start.
3. Following project completion:
 - a. Complete the "Eagle Scout Service Project Report" form from the official [Eagle Project Workbook](#).
 - b. Submit final report to the Land & Water Volunteer Coordinator for review and sign-off.
 - i. Include completed DCP group sign-in sheets if you had others come and help on your project.
 - ii. Include photos of your project. Include before and after, in-progress, and end result photos.

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