



***GUIDELINES for  
Boy Scout Eagle Award  
&  
Girl Scout Gold Award  
Leadership Projects in  
Montgomery Township***

**2022**

## I. INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your achievements in scouts and thank you for considering Montgomery Township as the place to complete your Eagle Scout leadership service project or Girl Scout Gold Award. The Township Committee greatly appreciates the contributions that the Boy and Girl Scouts have made throughout the Township and we look forward to your proposal. The following guidelines and background information are intended to help you understand the process involved with a Leadership Project on municipal property and includes a list of approved project ideas.

### ▪ *Scout Project Committee*

The Scout Project Committee is comprised of four municipal staff members that will broadly oversee and coordinate the scout's project selection and approval process.

The Committee consists of the following:

- Lauren Wasilauski, Open Space Coordinator email: [Lwasilauski@montgomerynj.gov](mailto:Lwasilauski@montgomerynj.gov)
- John Snyder, Parks Superintendent email: [Jsnyder@montgomerynj.gov](mailto:Jsnyder@montgomerynj.gov)
- Mark Herrmann, Township Engineer email: [MHerrmann@montgomerynj.gov](mailto:MHerrmann@montgomerynj.gov)
- John Groeger, Recreation Director email: [JGroeger@montgomerynj.gov](mailto:JGroeger@montgomerynj.gov)

### ▪ *Municipal Representative*

A Municipal Representative (staff or member of a board, committee or commission) has been assigned to each project. The projects are listed later in the guidelines.

### ▪ *Support of Your Troop*

The Township expects each scout to have the full support and supervision of their troop leaders and project advisor.

### ▪ *Approval by Township Committee*

Scouts who select a Leadership Project that will take place on municipal property must obtain approval by the group of elected officials who govern the Township, known as the Township Committee. This is in addition to the various approvals that are required by your scout leaders and council.

The Township Committee relies on volunteer committees and municipal staff to advise scouts in the development and implementation of their project.

## II. PROJECT LIST

The Township has developed a list of projects covering a wide-range of topics including public health and safety, recreation and the environment.

- **Scouts may propose an idea that does not appear on this list, but if it is not a project that the Township can accommodate at that time, then the scout will be asked to select a project from the list.**
- **We strongly encourage scouts to select projects that reflect their interests and expertise.**
- *Other Project Sources*

If you do not see a project that you are interested in pursuing, you might consider some other groups in the area that may be looking for volunteers such as:

Mary Jacobs Library

Local Schools – Montgomery Township Board of Education

Montgomery Friends of Open Space

Houses of Worship

The Watershed Institute

Springpoint at Montgomery – Stonebridge Age Restricted Development

Johnson & Johnson – The Green Team

SAVE – A Friend of Homeless Animals

Animal Alliance

Somerset County Park Commission

Private Schools (e.g. Rock Brook School)

Montgomery EMS

Montgomery Fire Companies

Montgomery Athletic Leagues

Orchard Farm

Van Harlingen Historical Society

Safe + Sound Somerset

## **LIST OF LEADERSHIP PROJECT IDEAS**

**\*\*\* NOTE: For more information on any of these projects a scout should contact the municipal representative that is listed for each project.**

### **Montgomery Twp. Summer Camp**

Come up with an idea for an activity or event that you would organize and carry-out (e.g. program on bike safety) at the Montgomery Township Summer Camp.

**Municipal Representative:** John Groeger, Recreation Director

**email:** [JGroeger@montgomerynj.gov](mailto:JGroeger@montgomerynj.gov) or (609) 466-3023

### **Mill Pond Soccer Field Signs**

Create new signs for the soccer fields at Mill Pond Park that label all 7 fields for easy reference (Field #1, Field #2, etc.). New signs should also include a provision for noting if fields are open or closed.

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### **English/Spanish Bike Safety Brochure**

Develop a brochure on bicycle safety in Spanish and English for use at the Princeton English as a Second Language Class.

**Municipal Representative:** Sarah Roberts, Pedestrian Committee Chair

**email:** [kops-and-robs@comcast.net](mailto:kops-and-robs@comcast.net) or (908) 359-4837

### **Van Horne Park Kiosk**

There are two existing wooden kiosk frames at Van Horne Park that could use refurbishment (e.g. sanding, water seal). The Scout would also research and create interpretive signage to add to the kiosk, such as information about birds & bats that live/hunt in the open meadow areas; Lyme Disease awareness; responsible recreation, etc.

**Municipal Representative:** Lauren Wasilauski, Open Space & Stewardship Director

**email:** [LWasilauski@montgomerynj.gov](mailto:LWasilauski@montgomerynj.gov) or 908-359-8211 ext. 2343

### **Back to Tap**

Encourage residents to reduce the number of disposable water bottles used and thrown into the trash in Montgomery. Ask residents to switch from bottled water to tap water, to use reusable water bottles when possible and to recycle. Publicize the quality of tap water (Elizabethtown/NJ American Water can provide data). Educate residents on health reusable bottles, for example, plastic BPA-free bottles, stainless steel and glass. See [www.back2tap.com](http://www.back2tap.com) for more information.

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### **Native Plant Garden**

Under the guidance of the Shade Tree Committee, create a new garden of native plants on Township property.

**Municipal Representative:** Larry Koplik, Shade Tree Committee Chair

**email:** [lkoplik@comcast.net](mailto:lkoplik@comcast.net) or (908) 359-4837

### **Invasive Species Removal Work Day**

Work with the Township's Open Space Committee or Shade Tree Committee to organize a volunteer work day to remove invasive species on open space or at the Montgomery Township Arboretum. A second work day to plant native species could also be planned.

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**email:** [LWasilauski@montgomerynj.gov](mailto:LWasilauski@montgomerynj.gov) or 908-359-8211 ext. 2343

### **Clear Trails on Spring Hill Preserve**

Establish and clear trails on the Spring Hill Preserve property in consultation with the Open Space Committee. The Township will provide trail markers. Scouts can also opt to install interpretive signage.

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### **Stormwater Educational Contest**

Organize an educational contest with a local school district or a local community organization serving youth to design a poster, magnet, rain stick, rain barrel or other craft/art object. Contest themes shall have an appropriate stormwater message. Winning entries are to be displayed at publicly accessible locations within the municipality such as at the town hall, library, post office, or school. The winning design will be shown on the municipality's website or social media site, if practical.

**Municipal Representative:** Tammy Garaffa, Community Information Officer  
**Email:** [TGaraffa@montgomerynj.gov](mailto:TGaraffa@montgomerynj.gov) or (908) 359-8211 ext. 2207

### **Heart Health Fair**

Organize and carry out a Heart Health fair during the month of February (Heart Month) at the Otto Kauffman Community Center.

**Municipal Representative:** Devangi Patel, Health Officer  
**email:** [DPatel@montgomerynj.gov](mailto:DPatel@montgomerynj.gov) or 908-359-8211 ext. 2231

### **Great American Smoke Out**

Organize and carry out an event related to the Great American Smoke Out in November for awareness of the dangers of smoking.

**Municipal Representative:** Devangi Patel, Health Officer  
**email:** [DPatel@montgomerynj.gov](mailto:DPatel@montgomerynj.gov) or 908-359-8211 ext. 2231

### **Cholesterol and Blood Pressure Screenings for Fathers**

Organize and carry out a Father/Son baseball game in which cholesterol and blood pressure screenings are available to the fathers.

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### **Blood Drive**

Organize and carry out a Blood Drive.

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**Ready for Anything**

Put together an educational workshop on All-hazards emergency preparedness

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**Kick Butts**

Organize a smoke-free event in April for “Kick Butts” day

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**Get Moving!**

Organize a “Get Moving, Montgomery!” event to promote physical activity & fun and healthy exercise.

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**Badge Workshop**

Organize a badge workshop for Public Health badge (boy scouts), environmental health badge (girl scouts), or any combination of badges/Try-its/IPPs that include a health element

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**Stress Management**

Organize a program on stress management, targeted to specific age groups.

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**Form a chapter of REBEL (Tobacco free youth organization)**

Form a chapter of REBEL at Montgomery High School or the Upper Middle School.

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**email:** [DPatel@montgomerynj.gov](mailto:DPatel@montgomerynj.gov) or 908-359-8211 ext. 2231

**Family Fun Walk or Community Dog Walk**

Organize a family fun walk or a community dog walk event to promote physical activity, family activity and responsible pet ownership.

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## **Project ideas from the Millstone Valley Preservation Coalition**

These project ideas were provided by the Millstone Valley Preservation Coalition. Scouts interested in one of these projects should contact Liz Palius at (908) 874-3820.

- **Recording oral histories**

The Coalition is interested in gathering oral histories from long-time residents, families that have lived in the area for several generations, local historians, and others. These people have interesting and relevant historical knowledge and stories that may not be recorded elsewhere. By collecting this information, their knowledge will be preserved.

- **Docent at the Bridgetender's House**

The Bridgetender's House has been restored and serves as the Visitor Center for the Millstone Valley Scenic Byway. Volunteers are needed on the weekends, starting in the spring and running until Thanksgiving to serve as docents. By volunteering, you'll need to become familiar with the history of the region, the D&R Canal and much more.

- **Vegetable Garden**

Volunteers are needed to construct raised planting beds at the Bridgetender's House. The Scout can then seek donations from nurseries and residents for materials to plant in the garden. The Scout could create a historically-accurate vegetable garden from the Dutch Colonial time period that would have provided for the household.