



## How to earn the Messengers of Peace Badge with through Scouts Trash the Trash Day

The Messenger of Peace Badge is a worldwide patch which acknowledges actions taken to spread the Culture of Peace at the local as well as international levels. The Messenger of Peace Badge is presented to Scouts after the Scout completes four steps:

1. Get Inspired to Act. Identify challenges in your local community. Explore and research local problems, people in action and good practices. Get inspired to act.
2. Learn and Decide. Learn about a particular challenge and identify possible solutions. Choose a course of action.
3. Act. Implement the solution. Plan your actions, execute, monitor, evaluate and report.
4. Share. Share what you did, your experiences, outcomes and lessons learned with others and inspire them to action.

### Requirements

#### **Cub Scouts (under 11 years old)**

*Characterized by joining efforts to help others, and participating in service activities organized with the pack.*

1. Learn about the Culture of Peace in a pack meeting.  
Ask your Leader or International Representative to do a presentation on Messengers of Peace and the Culture of Peace. A Powerpoint presentation is available at: <https://www.scouting.org/international/messengers-of-peace/downloads/>. Identify habits to put in place in (2) below. Learn about the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals and numbers: 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation; 14 - Life Below Water and 15 - Life on Land.
2. Talk about and put into practice different habits related to the Culture of Peace with family, close friends, in your home, at school and with the pack. Talk about Scouts Trash the Trash Day and share how helping clean up the environment promotes peace.
3. Experience the four steps to become a Messenger of Peace with the pack and support of parents, Scout leaders and friends.
  1. Get Inspired to Act. In the context of Scouts Trash the Trash Day, explore and research areas where you will collect trash and recyclables.
  2. Learn and Decide. Identify a friend or family member to participate with you. Plan how you will get to your collection site, what supplies you will need, and how you will weigh and dispose of your trash and recycling. Sign up on Doubleknot.
  3. Act. Implement your plan on Saturday, May 1st. Weigh your collection.
  4. Share. Record your results on Google Docs. Share your results.

#### **ScoutsBSA/Sea Scouts (from 11 to 15 years old)**

*Characterized by taking the initiative to help others, organizing service actions with the Patrol or own team, taking part in activities with the Scout Unit in connection with local players.*

1. Learn and explore the Culture of Peace through Scouting sources, online resources, school groups, or in any other environment. Ask your Leader or International Representative to do a presentation on Messengers of Peace and the Culture of Peace. A Powerpoint presentation is available at: <https://www.scouting.org/international/messengers-of-peace/downloads/>. Explore the World Organization of Scouting Messengers of Peace information at: <https://www.scout.org/messengersofpeace> Learn about the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals and numbers: 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation; 14 - Life Below Water and 15 - Life on Land. Identify habits to put in place in (2) below.
2. Discuss the elements of Culture of Peace with your patrol, family and community.  
Talk about Scouts Trash the Trash Day and share how helping clean up the environment promotes peace.
3. Experience the four steps to become a Messenger of Peace with your patrol or Scout unit, with the support of Scout leaders and other community members.
  1. Get Inspired to Act. In the context of Scouts Trash the Trash Day, explore and research areas where you will collect trash and recyclables. Identify local organizations that may be potential partners such as Keep Austin Beautiful, Austin Parks Foundation, City of Austin Parks Department, The Trail Foundation, Keep Texas Beautiful, Adopt-a-Highway etc.
  2. Learn and Decide. Identify a friend or family member to participate with you. Consider how to broaden participation by working with your a partner organization, civic group, school group etc. Plan how you and the other volunteers will get to your collection site, what supplies you will need, how you will weigh and dispose of your trash and recycling etc. Sign up on Doubleknot.
  3. Act. Implement your plan on Saturday, May 1st. Weigh your collection.
  4. Share. Record your results on Google Docs. Share your results.

### **Venturers/Scouters (above 15 years old)**

*Characterized by individually taking the lead or joining service projects organized together with their community; or working in teams and organizing efforts with local community members accompanied by the Scout leader.*

1. Learn about and promote the elements of the Culture of Peace with Scouts and other organizations.  
Ask your Leader or International Representative to do a presentation on Messengers of Peace and the Culture of Peace. A Powerpoint presentation is available at: <https://www.scouting.org/international/messengers-of-peace/downloads/>. Explore the World Organization of Scouting Messengers of Peace information at: <https://www.scout.org/messengersofpeace> Learn about the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals and numbers: 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation; 14 - Life Below Water and 15 - Life on Land. Identify habits to put in place in (2) below.
2. Experience the four steps to become a Messenger of Peace with Scout friends and with the support of Scout leaders, other community members and external organizations.

1. **Get Inspired to Act.** In the context of Scouts Trash the Trash Day, explore and research areas where you will collect trash and recyclables. Contact community leaders such as City Council members or county officials to inquire about locations most in need of cleaning up. Identify local organizations that may be potential partners such as Keep Austin Beautiful, Keep Texas Beautiful, Adopt-a-Highway, Austin Parks Foundation, The Trail Foundation, City of Austin Parks Department etc. Connect with Scouts in other countries through the Scouts Trash the Trash Facebook page or wish assistance from the International Committee.
  2. **Learn and Decide.** Identify community members as well as a friend or family member to participate with you. Consider how to broaden participation by working with a partner organization, civic group, school group etc. Plan how you and the other volunteers will get to your collection site, what supplies you will need, how you will weigh and dispose of your trash and recycling etc. Get creative in your implementation by including a trash Scavenger Hunt or other games to build teamwork. Sign up on Doubleknot.
  3. **Act.** Implement your plan on Saturday, May 1st. Weigh your collection.
  4. **Share.** Record your results on Doubleknot. Post your photo on the CAC International Scouting Facebook page.
3. **Participate or coordinate actions** where the elements of the Culture of Peace are discussed and promoted. Make a video about your experience and how it relates to peace. Share it on social media and at scout.org.