

Bay-Lakes Council Challenge

2022 Pieces of Trash in 2022

A Scout is Clean!



Pollution and ecological health is continuing challenge facing mankind. We have a unique opportunity to improve this. We all can make a difference. Let's get out and clean our neighborhoods, our parks, and our wilderness areas! It has been shown time and again that stress levels can be reduced by providing individuals with a sense of purpose. Being outdoors has also been shown to help. Make a difference in your community!

Background: Aspired by **John-Aaron Bozanic**, Crew 774, Orange County Council's idea for the BSA Scout Hornaday Award Conservation Project.

Who: Scouts! Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturers, Explorers, and Sea Scouts. And, of course, any other youth or adults who would like to participate.

What: To improve our environment by reducing trash and pollution. Upon approval of your unit leader, this activity counts as conservation service hours for rank advancement.

When: Any day is a great day to engage your youth and pick up trash. Other significant days include; World Environment Day on June 5, Global Garbage Man Day on June 17, and National Clean Up Day on September 18, 2022.

Where: Anywhere! Local streets, local parks, school grounds, regional parks, national forests, national parks, streams, lakes, beaches... even underwater trash can be collected!

How:

1. Pick a place to help clean. Think safety when traveling to a location.
2. Bring trash bags.
3. Wear gloves and close-toed shoes.
4. Estimate how much trash you picked up and
5. Throw trash away in a dumpster or other receptacle that is directly emptied by trash services in your area. Recycle any glass bottles and aluminum cans if possible.
6. Wash your hands well. At least 20 seconds with soap and water (recite the Scout Oath & Law to yourself), or hand sanitizer if are not visibly soiled
7. Report results as outlined in the next section.

Post your pictures and findings [here](#).

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