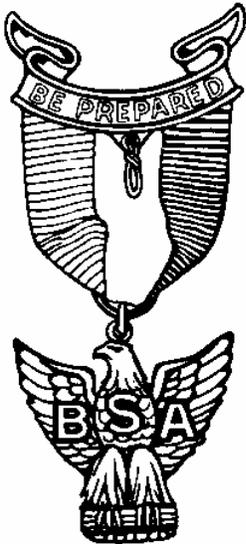


Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook



Shane Looney

Scout's Name

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Address

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Telephone no.

Troop 1776

Unit No.

Foothills

District

Atlanta Area Council

Local Council

Mr. Tom Morin

Unit leader's name

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Address

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Telephone No.

Mrs. Jane Whitehead

Unit advancement committee person's name

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Address

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Telephone No.

Project Description

Describe the project you plan to do.

For my Eagle Scout Project I plan to collect 2,000 slightly used T-shirts from my community and donate them through my church, Mt. Bethel United Methodist, to people in need through missions and orphanages in other countries.

What group will benefit from the project?

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Mt. Bethel UMC Missions and the organizations and communities they serve.

Name of religious institution, school or community

Telephone No.

4385 Lower Roswell Road

Marietta

GA

30068

Street Address

City

State

Zip code

My Project will be of benefit to the group because:

On each mission trip that Mt. Bethel sends, the mission volunteers carry extra luggage filled with things for the community that the mission team is going to serve. I will bundle the T-shirts I collect into duffle bags so the mission teams can carry them abroad and distribute the shirts to hundreds of needy children and adults wherever the mission teams go.

I have talked to people at Mt. Bethel who have been on mission trips, and I have shared my project idea with them. They have explained that there are always poor people who can use clean, new or almost new clothing. These people in other countries really like to get U.S. style shirts with American pictures and writing on them.

This concept was discussed with my unit leader on

January 6, 2004

Date

The project concept was discussed with the following representative of the group that will benefit from the project.

Chuck Shackelton

Representative's Name

11-7-03

Date of Meeting

Director of Missions, Mt. Bethel UMC

Representative's Title

XXXXXXXXXXXX

Phone No.

June 2002

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Project Details

Present Condition

In the East Cobb area where I live, lots of kids get T-shirts through sports or school and they wear them for a season or a few events. Then they get older and join a new team, begin a new season, or move up to another school year, and they don't wear the shirts from their old team or class any more. Also adults and children who participate in races or athletic events get as many as 3 or 4 shirts a year. So many people have extra shirts just lying around. They hardly wear them but the shirts are still almost new. I think people don't really want these shirts any more, but they are in too good of condition to throw out, so they just save them in a drawer. I want to collect these shirts and get them to people in the world that really want them and can use them.

I looked at a couple of other projects that involved building something, but when I added up how many people would benefit, the number was actually not very big. I want to do this T-shirt project because I feel my efforts and the work of the people I direct will be more meaningful to more people.

I chose as my collection area my former school, my church and the neighborhoods closest to my home, because I felt people would be more likely to deliver shirts for donation or call me for pick up if the distance was not very big.

Plans / Drawings / Designs

See flyer design within this project workbook under the Written/Printed Information section.

Materials List

To Be Made, Designed or Developed:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Flyers for neighborhood mailboxes	980
Bulletin insert for church announcement	1
Announcement for Sope Creek Chronicle	1
Announcement for Mt. Bethel Christian Academy	1
Announcement for Mt. Bethel Preschool	1
Permission letters for an agreed date for publications	4
Collection box labels	3
Sorting labels (by size of T-shirts)	7
Duffle bag labels	50

Supplies

Shopping List: Item	Price	Quantity	Total
flyers	\$0.04	980	\$39.00
collection boxes	12.50	4	50.00*
Canvas duffle bags- Gemline Foldaway 20 x 12 x 10 ebagscorporate.com	10.50	50	525.00
laundry soap for 16 loads	6.00	1 box	6.00

*I will try to avoid this cost by locating some large, clean free boxes that will fit appropriately at the various collection sites.

Tools

This project requires a lot of hours of work but very few tools are needed.

Tool: personal computer and printer

Use: write permission letters, donation requests, makes box labels and bag labels and create flyer

Tool: shipping tape applicator

Use: apply size and quantity labels to each duffle bag and collection box labels to each collection box

General Tasks

1. Plan my Eagle Scout Project, talk to the necessary people and choose from three project options that I identified.
2. Estimate and price the amount of materials required and the total cost of the project I chose.
3. Figure out how to raise the money.
4. Write up and present the project for approval.
5. Follow the step-by-step instructional plan below.
6. Develop the schedule and schedule workdays for laundry, sorting, folding and bagging.
7. Complete the project and do the write up. Take pictures of the filled duffle bags.
8. Write thank you letters to people who contributed money and send a picture.

Step-by-step instructions

1. Design and print an attractive flyer. The message should explain how the Mission teams will deliver the T-shirts to people who really need them. The message should identify the sources of the shirts: class T-shirts and sports team shirts and race shirts.
2. Write an insert for the Mt. Bethel UMC church and school bulletins.
3. Write and get permission to place an insert into the church bulletin or to have a paragraph in the church weekly bulletin.
4. Write and get permission to set up collection sites at: Sope Creek Elementary, Mt. Bethel UMC, Mt. Bethel Christian Academy and Preschool.
5. Create an announcement for the Sope Creek Chronicle newsletter.
6. Announce to members of Troop 1776 that I will collect T-shirts during two meetings in late February or early March.
7. Identify and write to or e-mail potential donors requesting assistance with funds for this project.
8. Advertising:

Contacts

980	Schedule helpers to drop off flyers to neighborhoods of Old Paper Mill, Sibley Forest, Belmont, and Somerset
80	Distribute announcement to Troop 1776 via e-mail
300	Distribute flyers or announcement to Mt. Bethel Christian Academy and Preschool
6000	Schedule Mt. Bethel UMC weekly bulletin mailing
2000	Schedule Mt. Bethel UMC Sunday service bulletin
1200	Schedule insert in Sope Creek Elementary School Chronicle

10,560

Total Potential Contacts

I am hoping that if 10% of the people I contact will respond by donating 2 T-shirts each, I will reach my goal of 2,000 T-shirts.

9. Attempt to locate collection boxes that are free. Try appliance type store first.
10. Design labels, purchase (if necessary) drop off boxes, label and distribute drop off boxes to agreed sites: Sope Creek Elementary; Mt. Bethel UMC, near gym; Mt. Bethel Christian Academy and Preschool
11. Collection of shirts:
 - develop and distribute collection schedules to helpers
 - pick up and deliver shirts to my house from sites for 2 weeks; pick up at each site every 2 days for 2 weeks (approx 7 trips)
 - respond to calls for pick up; estimate 50-100 calls
 - gather collection boxes from sites after collection period is over
12. Organize workday to clean any soiled or stale shirts.
13. Design and print label for each duffle bag (50) with sizes
14. Sort, fold and bag shirts:
 - shirts are to be sorted by size, neatly folded, counted, and placed in labeled locations on the floor (child's sizes S,M,L and adult sizes S, M, L, XL)

- once all shirts are sorted and counted by size, determine an even number of shirts by size for the 50 duffel bags
 - any shirts in excess of 2000 will be boxed separately, by size, for distribution to other local charities, such as M.U.S.T. Ministries
 - place an even number of shirts in each duffel bag, ideally 50
 - fill in preprinted labels with the number of shirts, by size, for each bag and apply label with clear shipping tape
15. Take pictures of bagging activities and the completed pile of duffel bags.
 16. Schedule an agreed delivery time and date with Mt. Bethel Missions.
 17. Load filled duffel bags into family van for delivery to Mt. Bethel Missions (estimate 3 to 4 trips)
 18. Deliver duffel bags to Mt. Bethel Missions.
 19. Stack and store the duffel bags in an agreed storage location.
 20. Participate in a Mission trip to personally deliver the first set of duffel bags, ideally the Mission trip in March to Tarma, Peru.
 21. Work with Missions staff to schedule delivery of remaining duffel bags: estimate 6 mission trips are scheduled each year with an average of 12 missionaries per trip. If each participant carries a duffel bag, all of the duffel bags can be distributed in one year.
 22. Distribute any additional T-shirts, over the goal of 2,000, in boxes, by size to M.U.S.T. Ministries or other charities.
 23. Write letters to supporters who helped with this project by donating money for the purchase of the duffel bags.

Financial Plan

I will raise the estimated \$620 needed for this project (for printing flyers and purchasing collection boxes, laundry soap and duffel bags) from several sources.

I will use \$120 already in my Scout account that I earned last year selling pine straw. I plan to earn at least another \$120 this year, and hopefully more. The Missions office at Mt. Bethel offered to help me with some of the expenses. I will raise at least half the remaining amount needed by asking family and friends for donations. I am sure I can raise about \$10 or \$20 from each person I contact, which will require about 10 to 20 people to donate to raise \$190.00. The other \$190.00 I will try to reduce by selling more pine straw. I hope to need very little financial help.

The expense of the Mission trip to Peru will be paid separately by my family.

Schedule

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| Jan. 22 | Obtain Project approval from Foothills District Advancement Committee |
| Jan 23-30 | Prepare and send letters asking permission to distribute collection announcement; prepare flyer; write letters and/or e-mail family members asking for financial assistance; obtain collection boxes |
| Feb 1-Mar 6 | Sell Pine Straw |
| Feb 5 | Set up collection sites at Mt. Bethel UMC and at Mt. Bethel C. Academy |

- Feb 5 Announcement in Mt. Bethel Church Bulletin (mailed to all members)
- Feb 5-20 Collection dates
Check each of the three collection sites every 2 days: Sope Creek Elementary, Mt. Bethel Christian Academy, Mt. Bethel UMC
Separate any obviously soiled or stale shirts as they are collected.
- Feb 5-20 Respond to any calls for pick up of T-shirts
- Feb 6 Set up collection site at Sope Creek Elementary
- Feb 6 Announcement in Sope Creek Chronicle and to Mt. Bethel C. Academy
- Feb 7 Distribute flyers to targeted neighborhoods
- Feb 8 Announcement in Mt. Bethel Church Bulletin (handout at church)
- Feb 12 Announcement in Mt. Bethel Church Bulletin (mailed to all members)
- Feb 15 Announcement in Mt. Bethel Church Bulletin (handout at church)
- Feb 15 Have laundry date about half way into collection process for shirts that need to be cleaned.
- Feb. 20 Have final laundry date at end of collection process for shirts that need it.
- Feb 21 & 22 Sorting and packing dates in Shane Looney's basement
- Feb 23 or 24 Delivery of packed duffle bags to Mt. Bethel Missions Office
- Mar 12-13 Work during Troop pine straw distribution day to earn Project money
- March 19 Depart for Tarma, Peru on Mission trip and deliver first set of duffle bags
- March 28 Return from Peru
- Mar 29-31 Write up finished Project and submit; write or send e-mail thank yous

Written/Printed Information

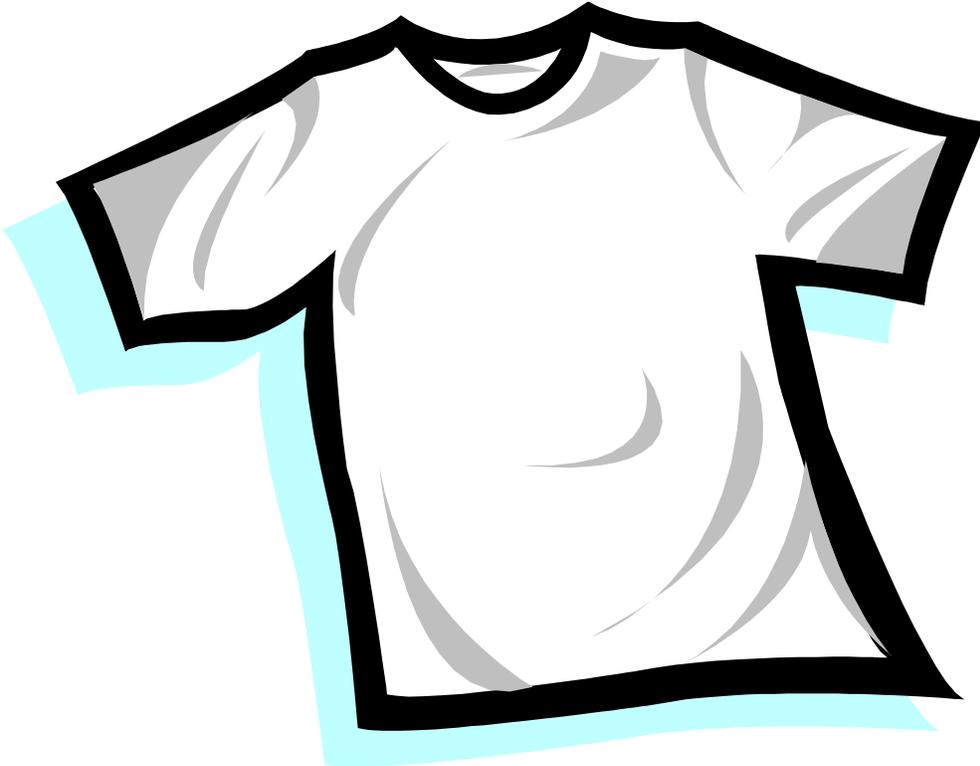
1. Sample duffle bag label:

These shirts distributed by Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church Missions.

<u>Contents</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Child Size	Small
	Medium
	Large
Adult Size	Small
	Medium
	Large
	X-Large

2. I have designed this sample flyer to solicit T-shirt donations. I will also be writing letters to request permission to place drop off boxes, and I will write letters or send e-mails to friends and family for donations to help pay for the project.

The flyer will have a big T-shirt shape on it, like the one below, and the message that follows will be printed on the T-shirt.



Do you have as many unused, outgrown or excess
T-shirts sitting in a drawer as I do?
T-shirts from schools or sports?

Hundreds of people in third world countries could
use the T-shirts you are not using.

As an Eagle Scout Project, Shane Looney
would appreciate your help to collect
T-shirts to be sent to missions overseas and
other charity organizations.

The T-shirts can have short or long sleeves.
They need to be in good condition, clean, folded
and put in plastic grocery bags.

From February 5 thru February 20 you can drop them off at:

- Shane's house: xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Mt. Bethel UMC, Lower Roswell Road, collection box beside
Coke machine next to the Old Gym and Multi-Purpose Room
- Mt. Bethel Christian Academy, collection box inside front door
- Sope Creek Elementary School, collection box inside front door
- Call Shane Looney for pick up: xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

THANK YOU!

Helpers / Workers

Project Activities	Scout Hours	Helper Hours
1. Design & print attractive flyer & bulletin inserts; deliver & pick up from printer; contact potential donors via letters or e-mail	3	
2. Write & get permission for agreed upon publication/flyer distribution date through church and at schools; follow up telephone calls	2.5	
3. Drop off 980 flyers to neighborhoods. Estimate approx 110 flyers per hour. Supervise 2 or 3 helpers per neighborhood.	9	9
4. Design & deliver drop off boxes to collection sites. Supervise 1 helper.	2	2
5. Collection of T-shirts: check 3 collection sites every 2 days for 2 weeks; bring shirts to sorting, folding, and packing site in Shane Looney's basement. One helper will be needed each collection time.	7	7
Respond to calls from people who desire shirts to be picked up; estimate 50 calls at 15 minutes each .	12.5	12.5

One helper.		
6. Schedule two laundry dates, one halfway through the collection period and one at the end. Estimate 25% of the shirts may need to be cleaned because they are soiled or stale from storage, for a total of 500 shirts. (estimate approx. 30 shirts per load, or 16 loads at 1 ½ hr. to wash, dry, and fold, for 24 hr total work) Three helpers will be needed at my house.	8	16
7. Sort and fold shirts during project day at Shane Looney's house. Separate and sort by size (estimate 15 min for 50 shirts or 10 hr total work)	2	8
On second project day, bag T-shirts with assorted sizes in each bag, and label contents (approx 15 min for 50 shirts or 10 hr total work)	2	8
Estimated need for help during two project days at Shane Looney's house: 4 scouts for 4 hrs OR 3 scouts for 5 ½ hrs OR 6 scouts for 2 ½ hrs for a total of 16 working hours by others.		
8. Loading & delivery of 50 bags to Mt. Bethel Missions. Stacking/storage of bags in Mission Office.	1	2
Total hours	49	64.5

Because I need only a few helpers for each task, but many helpers over the length of the Project, I will call for help individually as each part of the Project comes up. There are several scouts in my neighborhood that I can ask to help me one at a time after school with the collection part. For the four workdays at my house (2 laundry days and 2 sorting & packing days), I will make calls and get between 4 and 6 people to help. Also my sister's Girl Scout Troop offered to help, probably with the flyer distribution.

Adult Supervision

For all activities there will be adults available and a BSA trained leader present. Except for transportation needs, none of the work should require adult assistance. This is a project I feel I can handle very independently with myself as project leader explaining to others what needs to be done.

Safety

This project can be accomplished in a very safe environment. Most of the work involves picking up shirts, loading, sorting, folding, laundering, organizing and packing them. The biggest safety concern will be street safety during the flyer distribution.

I will tell all of my helpers to stay on the sidewalks or along the curbs by the mailboxes. All of the streets we will cover are in residential areas with low speed limits where many children play and drivers are used to street activity.

The shipping tape applicator has a sharp cutting edge and the helper who uses it will need to work away from others.

Work Site

I will use my family's basement as a work site where we will collect, organize, sort, fold, and pack the T-shirts into duffle bags for shipment.

Transportation

My helpers and I will need transportation to get to the neighborhoods to deliver the flyers. We will need transportation to deliver the collection boxes and make numerous return visits to collect the shirts. Finally, we will need transportation to deliver the full duffle bags to Mt. Bethel Missions.

I will ask my parents or the parents of helpers as needed. The Sope Creek Elementary School is just up the street from my house, so a friend and I can easily check the collection box there on my way home from school.

Approval Signatures for Project Plan

Project plans were reviewed and approved by

Religious institution, school, or community representative Date

Scoutmaster/Coach/Advisor Date

Unit Committee member Date

Council or district advancement committee member Date

Carrying Out the Project

Hours I Spent Working on the Project

Hours I spent: Planning the project 12 hrs. 15 min
 Carrying out the project 29 hrs. 45 min
 Total hours I spent working on the Project 42 hrs.

- Five of my planning hours were spent on projects that did not work out. Three other times I thought I had a project but I found out they had problems.
- M.U.S.T. wanted a wooden clothing drop box, but I decided it was not something I could lead others to build.
- Then M.U.S.T. wanted me to build a lean-to roof on a storage building. After talking about it with a professional roofer, we determined that the building foundation was not strong enough to hold the weight of a lean-to roof.
- Finally I tried to do a patio/deck for my church, but first they needed to move a significant pile of donated construction bricks and concrete from the site. The church board could not decide what to do with the bricks, and they are still there.
- So, I spent five hours writing letters, visiting sites and estimating costs for three projects that I could not use.

Hours Spent by Scouts, Venturers, or Other Youth Working on the Project: 46 hrs. 30 min.

Name	Date	Affiliation	Total Time
Dylan Gorman	2-2-04	neighbor	30 min.
Chris Getz	2-7-04	Troop 1776	2 hr. 15 min.
Chris Getz	2-8-04	Troop 1776	2 hr. 30 min.
Andrew Chapin	2-8-04	Troop 433	1 hr.
Chris Getz	2-8-04	Troop 1776	1 hr. 45 min.
Kristina Baalerud	2-9-04	Troop 2245	30 min.
Jason Boone	2-10-04	Troop 1776	1 hr.
Brian Boone	2-10-04	Troop 1776	1 hr.
Dylan Gorman	2-13-04	neighbor	30 min.
Emily Pitman	2-13-04	Troop 2246	1 hr. 15 min.
Natalie Pitman	2-13-04	Troop 2930	1 hr. 15 min.
Brynne Looney	2-13-04	Troop 2245	15 min.
Bryan Farley	2-14-04	Troop 1011	1 hr. 30 min.
Chris Getz	2-15-04	Troop 1776	1 hr.
Brynne Looney	2-16-04	Troop 2245	1 hr.
Kristina Baalerud	2-16-04	Troop 2245	1 hr.
Chris Getz	2-16-04	Troop 1776	30 min.

Chris Getz	2-17-04	Troop 1776	15 min.
Ross Droege	2-20-04	friend	1 hr.
Brian Davidson	2-22-04	Troop 1776	2 hr.
Jason Boone	2-22-04	Troop 1776	2 hr.
Alex Wright	2-22-04	Troop 1776	1 hr. 45 min.
Joe Wright	2-22-04	Troop 1776	1 hr. 45 min.
Shannon Wright	2-22-04	helper	1 hr. 45 min.
Brynne Looney	2-22-04	Troop 2245	1 hr.
Neil Michaelides	2-26-04	Troop 565	1 hr. 30 min.
Thomas McNabb	2-29-04	Troop 1776	3 hr.
Eric Sadler	2-29-04	Troop 1011	2 hr. 30 min.
Brynne Looney	2-29-04	Troop 2245	3 hr.
Bill Magill	2-29-04	Troop 406	1 hr. 30 min.
Robert Satcher	2-29-04	Troop 565	1 hr.
Chris Getz	2-29-04	Troop 1776	30 min.
Jason Farkas	3-3-04	friend	15 min.
Grant McCallum	3-7-04	Troop 1776	1 hr. 30 min.
Mitchell Lyons	3-7-04	Troop 1776	1 hr. 30 min.

Hours Spent by Adults Working on the Project: 40 hrs.**

Name	Date	Affiliation	Time
Don Looney	12-30-03	parent	6 hr.
Bobbi Looney	1-4-04	parent	4 hr.
Don Looney	1-30-04	parent	1 hr.
Pam Boone	2-6-04	Troop parent	30 min.
Bobbi Looney	2-8-04	parent	3 hr. 30 min.
Bobbi Looney	2-9-04	parent	30 min.
Bobbi Looney	2-13-04	parent	1 hr. 15 min.
Bobbi Looney	2-14-04	parent	1 hr. 30 min.
Bobbi Looney	2-15-04	parent	1 hr.
Bobbi Looney	2-16-04	parent	1 hr. 30 min.
Don Looney	2-16-04	parent	30 min.
Lloyd Boone	2-22-04	Troop parent	2 hrs.
Hank Wright	2-22-04	Troop parent	1 hr. 45 min.
Bobbi Looney	2-22-04	parent	2 hr.
Don Looney	2-22-04	parent	3 hr.
Bobbi Looney	2-26-04	parent	1 hr.
Nancy Magill	2-29-04	neighbor	1 hr. 30 min.
Don Looney	2-29-04	parent	3 hr.
Bobbi Looney	2-29-04	parent	3 hr.
Bobbi Looney	3-7-04	parent	1 hr. 30 min.

Total number of hours peers worked on the project: 46 hr. 30 min.

Total youth hours spent by me and other youth on the project: 88 hr. 30 min.

Total hours spent by Adults to complete the project: 40 hr. **

Grand total of youth and adult hours: 128 hrs. 30 min.

** The number of Adult hours, especially provided by my mother, was pretty high as I predicted, because I had significant transportation needs for this project and I needed a driver. We could walk some of the streets to deliver flyers, but when there was no sidewalk and when it got dark, it was much safer to have a driver. Also whenever I needed to empty the collection boxes, I had to have a driver to haul the T-shirts home, and when I delivered the packed bags to the church at the end of the project, I needed a driver. **Out of the total Adult hours, 11 hrs. and 45 min. were driving hours.**

There were a lot of hours spent on the project that were not supervised by me. I had 197 individual donation bags, and I could tell from the variety of shirts in the bags, that several people in the average house contributed. It is very likely that 400 or more people worked at home sorting out their T-shirts to donate to my project. Based on my own experience cleaning out my drawer, if each of these people spent 15 minutes sorting, folding and bagging, that's 100 hours of labor, not counting their delivery time. I know I can't include the time of people I did not supervise, but it makes me glad to know my idea got so many people involved.

The largest donation was 75 shirts.
The smallest donation was 1 shirt.
The average donation was 15 shirts.

Materials Required to Complete the Project

I bought canvas bags in which to pack and ship the T-shirts. I got them on sale from an Army surplus catalog.

Cost: \$331.26

I had my flyers printed at Copy Max

Cost: \$ 57.58

Food for workers: 4 Tombstone pizzas
(on sale: buy one; get one free) and sodas

Cost: \$ 22.00

Total costs: \$410.84

My family and I have volunteered for nearly 30 hours of time during my Troops' upcoming pine straw fund raising weekend. If we work at a rate close to the rate the Troop paid last year, I should have enough money in my scout account for two-thirds of my project. I have already received some donations from family friends and relatives. If my income is not quite enough, then I can send out a few more requests for help, but I don't think I will have to do that. I also put out a lot of pine straw flyers, and if some of those people buy, I will make some money there too.

Changes

1. My goal was to gather 2,000 shirts for missions. I got many more than that. My total was 2,963, or 48% over my goal.

2. In my plan I did not think about getting shirts that might not be appropriate. On the work day we sorted, I had to tell my workers to look carefully at what the shirts said and to keep out any with beer ads on them and things like that. Three shirts had logos that were not acceptable. Twenty-six shirts were too worn or stained to keep, and twenty-five shirts were too heavy (they weighed too much to ship). The heavy shirts I donated to a mission project in West Virginia that I talk about below.

3. I had not planned on getting so many XL T-shirts. The mission office didn't want lots of very large shirts because most of the people who receive them, especially the children, are smaller. So, I had to find a place to give some of the large sizes.

I took 200 XL shirts to the Atlanta Union Mission for homeless men in downtown Atlanta.

We boxed 446 XL shirts to be sent to very needy people in the 3rd poorest county in America, McDowell County, West Virginia. This mission is also through Mt. Bethel UMC. The mission organizer came to my house with his trailer to pick up the boxes.

4. I delivered 2,041 T-shirts to Mt. Bethel in 20 duffle bags instead of the 50 I had originally planned, because I found larger bags that could hold twice as many shirts as I had first planned.

5. I will also be taking 220 T-shirts to Peru in 2 duffle bags when I go on a mission trip on March 19. We packed these two bags with only children's shirts.

6. The flyers cost about \$20 more than I predicted because I had to print more. The Mt. Bethel Christian Academy offered to put one flyer in each student's book bag. This required 468 more copies than I had planned.

7. The collection boxes turned out to be free because I used a couple of old moving boxes we had at home. Also, Sope Creek Elementary asked that I use not a box but a large trash can on wheels. I just washed a can we have at home and put signs on it.

8. The duffle bags cost about \$200 less than I predicted because I found them on sale in a surplus catalog.

9. I did not have a laundry soap expense because I ended up with only two loads of shirts than needed cleaning. Almost everyone donated fresh laundered shirts.

10. I did not have to pick up as many bags as I had predicted. Only a few people called for pick up. Most people brought their bags to my house and dropped them off. Several people in my troop brought bags of shirts to our meetings, so I could pick up several individual donations at once.

11. My project took about a week longer to complete than I projected because many people kept bringing T-shirts after the due day I had given.

12. I learned that the most effective way to get the shirts was to put flyers in mailboxes. This was the best collection method, then the church, the Christian Academy, my troop and last the school. In fact, the school was not a very good collection site. I don't think very many people read the school bulletin, and because my collection container was on wheels as the school asked, someone often rolled it to a not very obvious corner. This order of most successful to least successful was just about the opposite from what I expected. I learned that my mailbox deliveries gave people a piece of colored paper with my announcement to remind them to contribute to my project. My workers and I put flyers in about 900 mailboxes in my neighborhood and the neighborhoods close to mine.

13. I did not expect to get nice notes from people. Lots of people wrote on my flyer and encouraged me about the project or thanked me for finding a useful place for their shirts. This made me feel that was doing something good. I'll attach one of the notes here.

14. On my calendar when I planned the project, I thought I would submit the write up after my mission trip. But then I realized this would delay my Board of Review maybe into the summer, and I will be visiting my grandfather in South Dakota for most of the summer. For this reason I am writing up the project and submitting it before my trip, so that it can be reviewed while I am gone.

15. I already sent thank you notes to the friends who donated money to help with my project. If I need to write for more help, I will send pictures of my mission trip to Peru with my request. I hope to get a good picture when I distribute the T-shirts in Peru because I plan to send a copy of it with my thanks to all the scouts who were workers for my project.

Photographs of the Project as it Progressed:

Approvals for Completed Project

Start Date of Project 1/25/04 Completion date of Project 3/7/04

This project was started and has been completed since I received the Life Scout rank, and is respectfully submitted for consideration

Applicant's Signature _____ Date

The project was planned, developed, and carried out by the candidate

Signature of Scoutmaster/Coach/Advisor _____ Date

Signature of representative of religious institution, school, or community
Date

Statement of Ambitions and Life Purpose

I am not an especially strong student, scholastically. Learning in the traditional school environment has not come easy for me and I have to work hard to maintain average grades. However, I am a very strong visual learner and I have an excellent long-term memory for experiences I have had. I would like to pursue some type of work where I have hands-on activity. I very much enjoy learning about cars, and I think I would like to work in some way in the automotive industry.

I would like to take mechanical drawing and drafting classes through high school and then apply to a trade school for additional training. I think I would like to work for a few years between high school and college, because I would then have a better idea of what type of college classes would best help me in my future.

I have been helping at the M.U.S.T. overnight homeless shelter since I was in 4th grade, and this has been a good experience for me. I know that whatever I do in life, I will still want to find time to help other people who need it. The people at the shelter are really appreciative, and their thanks to us for being kind makes me realize just how fortunate I am that I have had a life of opportunity and comfort.

My faith life is also very important to me. I got my God and Country Award and got confirmed in my church. I also attend church regularly. This has also helped me to stick with scouts and enjoy what it is teaching me. The scout service projects have been good experiences. Sometimes I did not want to get up early and do them, but once I got there, I always felt better that I participated and helped.

I am athletic and pretty good at sports. I do best when I have some kind of sports in my life to keep me active and energized. I study better and sleep better when I am doing sports and I enjoy the teamwork. I played roller hockey for almost 5 years and was on a travel team my last year. Now I am more interested in basketball. Some of my scout activities have helped with leadership in sports too. The cooperation and teamwork I've needed in scouts is the same attitude that's helpful in sports.

My own Eagle Scout Project was a great learning experience for me. Just finding a project was pretty difficult, and it taught me to keep trying and not give up, because in the end the project I did propose turned out to be a really great one for me and especially for all the people it helped. As I finished it, I felt really good about what we accomplished and how many people we're helping by distributing so many T-shirts to poor people. I was then glad when I finished that none of the earlier projects worked out.

I am very social and can get along with many kinds of people when I really want to. I am not afraid in new situations, and I meet people well. I lived in Europe for three years and got used to meeting many different kinds of people through my school there. Scouts has helped me to be a better leader and a better person because in scouts I've learned greater tolerance and patience. I feel this will help me in any job I ever get and just generally in life.

Positions held in religious institutions, school, camp, community, or other organization in which leadership skills were demonstrated.

School:

Player on Mills Springs Academy Middle School basketball team

Church: Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church

Player on recreational basketball teams, 4 years

Regular attendance at Sunday school

For the past 4 years I have volunteered regularly on behalf of my church at the M.U.S.T overnight shelter for the homeless in Marietta. I have logged 110 hours distributing toiletries and bedding, and working overnight to wash, dry, and fold clothes and bedding.

Completed confirmation classes and was confirmed in the church, November 2002

Received the BSA God & Church Award

Mission trip with church to Tarma, Peru, March 19-29, 2004

Camp:

BSA Camp Woodruff, summer 2001

BSA Camp Comer (AL), summer 2002

BSA Florida Sea Base, summer 2003

Black Hills State University Basketball Camp (SD), past 3 summers

Eastside Baptist Basketball Camp, past 3 summers

Lake Lanier Water Ski Camp, summer 2003

Community

Player in Northeast Cobb Basketball League, spring season 2004