

# TAKE CARE OF TEXAS AWARD SCOUTS



## BOY SCOUTS PATCH

The Take Care of Texas Award recognizes Scouts who are doing their part to conserve water and energy, keep our air and water clean, and reduce waste. The Award shows a commitment to both learning and educating others on how we can keep our state great.



### Patch Requirements for Boy Scouts:

- Merit Badges: Earn three merit badges from the following list: Environmental Science, Soil and Water Conservation, Energy, Fish and Wildlife Management, Forestry, Sustainability, Gardening, Oceanography and Plant Science.
- Community Service Hours: In addition to the merit badges, Scout is required to complete 2 hours toward a conservation project.
- Hours resulting in resource improvement related to Eagle projects, Hornaday projects or other conservation related project for advancement can be applied toward award.
- Patches may be obtained from Becky Navarro in Support Services when you turn in completed forms documenting completion of the requirements. One form must be completed for each Scout applying.



**Patches may be obtained at Support Services at the Cockrell Scout Service Center upon submission of completed application form.**

## Pin Requirements for Boy Scouts:

- Complete Patch Requirements
- Conservation project: Scout must complete a project in line with the Take Care of Texas mission that includes at least 8 hours of service.
- Presentation: Scout must submit to TCEQ either a 7-10 photo/slides presentation or a 3-5 minute video describing the project, how it relates to TCOT mission, and knowledge gained from experience.
  - Send completed form to [educate@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:educate@tceq.texas.gov).



## Pin Requirements for Venturers and Adults:

1. Conservation project: Scouter, Venturing Scout or Exploring Scout must lead a project in line with the Take Care of Texas mission that includes at least 8 hours of service. Scouter or Scout must briefly describe his or her work and have another leader on site verify your work.
2. Submit completed form to [educate@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:educate@tceq.texas.gov).

### Examples of Conservation Projects:

- Make a simple rain collection system
- Perform air, water, or soil quality tests
- Learn and collect native seeds for replanting
- Develop a reusing/recycling program that involves entire class or troop
- Develop and promote energy conservation methods for your class or troop
- Organize an anti litter campaign and clean up.
- Plant trees for erosion control and/or air quality or energy conservation.
- Restore wetlands for runoff filtration to improve water quality

## FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION VISIT

[takecareoftexas.com/partners/scouts](http://takecareoftexas.com/partners/scouts).



## Take Care of Texas Award - Pin Application

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### **Applicant Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Award Information**

TCEQ Take Care of Texas Award Patch Completed on \_\_\_\_\_

I completed the following conservation project (minimum of 8 hours) that related to the TCOT mission (please include a summary only):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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To complete the application, please email this signed form to [educate@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:educate@tceq.texas.gov) along with your 7-10 photo/slide presentation or a 3-5 minute video describing the project and how it relates to the TCOT mission. If the files are too large to email, please upload the video to YouTube and include the link with your application, or you may save everything to a CD (will not get returned) and mail it to Take Care of Texas MC 109, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78753.

\*By submitting a photo/video, you are granting the TCEQ the right to publish the image in any format and you have ensured that you have the consent of those whose faces are visible in the image for the TCEQ to use the photo/video.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I verify the above information (Scout Signature): \_\_\_\_\_

I verify the above information (Scoutmaster Signature): \_\_\_\_\_



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### Award Information

Completed Merit Badges (must complete three)

Merit Badge	Date Earned	Merit Badge	Date Earned
Environmental Science	_____	Fish and Wildlife	_____
Soil and Water Conservation	_____	Sustainability	_____
Plant Science	_____	Energy	_____
Forestry	_____	Gardening	_____
Oceanography	_____		

I completed the following conservation project (minimum of 2 hours):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I verify the above information (Scout Signature): \_\_\_\_\_

I verify the above information (Scoutmaster Signature): \_\_\_\_\_

