



# Scout and Community Service Projects 2023

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Calvert Nature Society was awarded a \$1000 CETY (Calvert Environmental Trust for Youth) grant to support at least three youth service projects the Calvert Stewards, Scout and Community Service Projects throughout the Natural Resources Nature Parks. Funds were used for purchasing lumber, paint, tools, and other materials needed to complete the projects.

## Scout Projects

- ☛ Alex Smith Troop (Troop 429) constructed several picnic tables for the new tot lot at Ward Farm Recreation & Nature Park as his Eagle Scout Project.
- ☛ Brownie Troop 11059 installed their trash and recycling project at Ward Farm Recreation & Nature Park. The girls have been working on designing and building their informational sign and game display for a year, and it is now on display at Field 3, along with new trash and recycling cans. They were inspired to educate people about the hazards of litter and how to properly dispose of waste when they were Daisy scouts. They want people to know that plastics stay around for a long time in the environment and can cause wildlife to get hurt, so it's very important to dispose of trash and recycling properly.
- ☛ The Western Shore chapters of the Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts hosted their spring Camporee at Kings Landing Park. As a service projects, they cut the switchgrass around Wisner Hall and removed about a dozen autumn olive bushes from the forest edge near the meadow maze—so much that Ian had to use heavy equipment to dispose of it.

Boy Scout Troop 429 and Cub Scout Pack 789 built a gaga ball pit. They planned to install it at Kings Landing Park this fall, but had to reschedule (twice) due to rain.

## Other Community Service Projects

**Special Recognition:** Mary Hollinger received the 'Outstanding Achievement Award' and Sydney Weller received the 'Rising Young Woman Award' at the Calvert County Women of the World (virtual) Celebration & Awards Ceremony.

Jeremy King will be working on a student service-learning project to create a field guide to local dragonflies.

A.H. Hatchers donated 6 cu. yards of hardwood mulch for the Kings Landing gardens.

- ☛ Two local Girl Scout troops assisted with parking and hospitality, and helped with games and activities during Superhero Sunday.
- ☛ First Home Mortgage held two Adopt a Park clean ups at Hallowing Point Park.
- ☛ The Kappa Alpha Kappa Sorority, Omega Pi Omega chapter held a tree planting on Arbor Day, April 28, at Gatewood Preserve – the rain was no match for these women!

## Service Projects in the Planning Stages

Girl Scout Gold Award recipient Aeowyn Fields is redesigning and expanding the nature play space at Battle Creek Cypress Swamp. Her focus is to make the play space fully accessible to all children regardless of ability.

Ty Cherry is planning to install benches at Kings Landing Park for his Eagle Scout project.

Two scout troops will be building Barn Owl boxes this winter.



*Supporting Calvert County's nature parks and natural spaces*



# CALVERT STEWARDS

## VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

*A partnership between Calvert Nature Society and Calvert County Natural Resources Division*

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