



Red Butte Garden Eagle Scout Guidelines

Eagle Scout projects are available Sunday – Thursday, during daylight hours, and not available for consideration on Friday or Saturday. In order to benefit Red Butte Garden's (the Garden) goals, the scout will be required to organize a group for multiple workdays at the Garden. The total number of hours required for an Eagle Scout project are determined by the Garden lead and agreed upon by the scout. The project may require time spent with Garden staff to ensure an understanding of project expectations prior to the actual project date. All materials and tools for projects are to be provided by the scout, unless otherwise stated. Applications will be reviewed and considered based on needs of the Garden at the time and seasonal conditions.

Potential projects:

- Invasive plant species removal – support plant and wildlife diversity at the Garden by controlling the spread of invasive plant species. With your group, you'll organize and coordinate the tasks of locating, identifying, and removing invasive plant populations at the Garden. (Available May-August). Control invasive species including alfalfa, dalmatian toadflax, cereal rye, houndstongue, Scotch thistle, burdock, and others and bringing the material to green waste or to a location where it can be hauled away. The project requires hauling material long distances over natural area trails. (Available April - October)
- Deadwood removal – reduce the potential for intense wildfire by removing dead, down, and dying plant debris from the natural area at the Garden. With your group, you'll organize and coordinate the tasks of cutting deadwood using non-motorized saws, loppers, and pruners and bringing the material to green waste or to a location where it can be hauled away. The project often requires hauling material long distances over natural area trails. (Available August –December)
Tree trimming and fence line maintenance – maintain the Garden's perimeter fence by controlling plant growth that can be damaging and cause other issues. With your group, you'll organize and coordinate the tasks of removing vegetation growing through and over the fenceline, trash, and dead, down, and dying plant material. (Available year-round depending on snow cover)
- Trail maintenance – The Garden offers 80 acres and nearly 5 miles of trails that need maintaining from erosion for our guests to use safely while exploring our beautiful valley. With your group, you'll organize and coordinate the project with a knowledge of trail maintenance technique is preferred and tasks include water bar and check dam construction, vegetation removal, trail widening and leveling, and more!
- Bird houses – Raise funds for materials and research design of bird houses to attract resident bird species to the Garden's wooded areas. Construct and install structures specific to the American kestrel, western screech owl, northern flicker, and potentially others.
- Other – If you have a project idea you believe can benefit Red Butte Garden, please send an email to volunteer@redbutte.utah.edu and we will consider your proposal.