

### Highlights:

Our Scouts get the opportunity to hold a job for a day

Choices are up to our Scouts

When we were children, we dreamt of saving people from burning buildings, dancing Swan Lake, walking on the Moon, and riding our horses into the sunset. While few people turn their childhood dreams into a career, what would it have been like to follow your dreams? What would it be like to be a firefighter, ballerina, or cowboy, if only for one day? Our Scouts will go on to do many things in life, but whether it is for a day or for a lifetime, our Scouts deserve the chance to live their dreams exactly as they imagine it. Our Job for a Day Programs allows our Scouts to follow their dreams if only for a day.

In our Job for a Day Program, Scouts choose a career or job to hold for a day. Imagine the opportunity to explore a chosen profession as a Scout! Our Scouts are passionate about many subjects from skateboarding to nature, and get to experience what it would be like to be employed doing what they love.

Scouts can choose whatever they like, from assisting fire personnel, to working with a beloved character at an amusement park, to working with a paleontologist at a natural history museum. The adventure is up to them! And Scouts get real life experience by being participatory in their communities.

They will be a real teacher, firefighter, or whatever they choose, with appropriate supervision. Scouts dress according to the standards of where they are working, whether it is a character costume at an amusement park or a suit at a bank. Our Scouts also get up and get to the job the same time as the other employees, eat when and where the other employees eat. Our Scouts take on the responsibilities of the job, allowing them to acquire the knowledge of what it is really like to have a job. Our Scouts develop responsibility by their experience of having a Job for a Day.

It also provides a great contact for the future. If our Scouts do decide to follow their dream as adults, they already have a contact at a particular business, doing what they love.

You never know where any experience may lead. The jobs the Scouts do and people they meet may influence them for a lifetime. For instance, a Scout who wants to be a police officer for the day, may wind up being a lawyer, and is already somewhat familiar with the justice system. And it is okay for our Scouts just to have FUN.

### How to Find a Job for a Day

After choosing a job or career to experience, Scouts make contact with the place they would like to work. If the Scout wants to work at a particular amusement park, of course that narrows down the possible places to call. If the Scout would like to work at a bank, for example, there are many choices.

Scouts should ask for referrals from family, friends, Team Counselors, and Counselors. If someone they know has a contact where they would like to work, that would make it easier. If not, Scouts can check the phonebook and look online. Scouts can also look to see what other Scouts choose on our site as they add to our website.

Scouts should generally ask for the human resources department or office manager when they call. They will need to explain who they are, where they are coming from, and what they want. Below are detailed directions:

Making an appointment includes: generating the contact information for a selected individual by conducting research via the internet, telephone book, or personal referral. Be sure to ask your parents, teachers, counselors, Team Leaders, fellow scouts, and your friends for referrals.

Contacting the selected individual: After obtaining the telephone number and dialing it, it is possible you may initially reach a receptionist in which case you need to tell them you wish to speak with. It will then be necessary to say your name, and identify that you are a Scout of Adventure Scouts USA or of the specific program you are a member

of.

Explain the purpose of your call. It is then possible you may then be connected with the assistant or secretary of the person you are trying to contact rather than the person you seek directly. It may then be necessary to repeat your name, and again identify that you are a Scout of Adventure Scouts USA or of the specific program you are a member of.

Explain the purpose of your call and why you wish to speak

to the person you have been referred to. When you get to the person you are trying to contact, greet them; Say your name; Identify that you are a Scout of Adventure Scouts USA or of the specific program you are a member of.

Explain why you would like meet with them in

order to work with them one for day; be clear compensation is not expected. This is a program to help our Scouts develop responsibility while having FUN. It is also okay for the Scout to mention the benefits to the employer, such as

positive publicity. We will place a thank you on our national website. It is possible that individual may refer you to someone else either in their company, office, or department to work with in order to

complete your mission. If this happens, you will need to introduce yourself again and explain the purpose of your call again.

Once they have

agreed to assist you  
with your mission;  
Schedule an  
appointment on a  
specific day and  
time; therefore you  
should be prepared  
to know when you  
have some free

time and if you need a ride, when the driver will be available.

You will need to know the exact address,

directions, and the approximate amount of time the person will be able to spend with you. Then remember to thank the person for

agreeing to allow  
you to work  
there. Not  
everyone you  
speak with will  
have the time or  
desire to help  
you. If this

happens, ask  
them if they can  
refer you to  
someone who  
can help you.

If they are

unable to refer  
you to  
someone, then  
ask your  
parents,  
teachers, Team  
Leaders, fellow

scouts, and  
your friends for  
another  
referral. Keep  
trying until you  
are successful  
at completing

your mission.  
Perseverance is  
a strength that  
will help you to  
successfully  
reach your  
goals. Never be

discouraged  
when you  
encounter  
obstacles. Like  
the story of the  
rabbit and the  
turtle, it is not

the fastest.

Rather it is the  
one who sticks  
with it, who  
succeeds.

Remember to:

- Call the

day before to  
re-confirm  
your  
appointment.

- Prepare  
whatever you

need to know;  
- Bring with  
you  
necessary  
materials;  
- Arrive

early for your  
scheduled  
appointment;

- Be

properly  
dressed in

uniform or  
the clothing  
appropriate  
for the  
position.

- Send a

handwritten  
thank you  
note after  
your meeting  
and after

your job for  
the day  
experience.

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Remember

to email the  
national  
office with  
the names  
of the

business,  
name of the  
person who  
agreed to  
work with

you, the  
telephone  
number,  
mailing  
address,

and email  
address.

This  
information  
is necessary

for them to  
receive a  
written thank  
you from  
our Scout

Programs  
nationally  
and to  
enable a  
press

release to  
local media  
outlets.

You are an  
ambassador

r of the  
program  
you are a  
member of  
within

Adventure  
Scouts  
USA, so  
always act  
responsibly

. Obtain  
permission  
from your  
parent or  
guardian

prior to  
choosing a  
Job for a  
Day.

Consult

with your  
parent or  
guardian  
regarding  
your

appointment  
time and  
meeting  
place.

Always

call the day  
before, and  
be sure to  
send us the  
name,

address,  
and phone  
number of  
the person  
who allows

you to have  
the job for  
the day.

Our Scouts  
make their

dreams  
come true,  
one Day  
at a time!