

Dog Scouts of America Hike-a-Thon Pledge Form



Name: _____ Canine Companion(s): _____

My Commitment: _____ Total Miles When - _____

Dear sponsor, Dog Scouts of America is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, and your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Please make all checks payable to "DSA" - *Thank You!*



1st Annual Dog Scouts of America National Hike-a-Thon



People and dogs across the nation will hit the trails in May 2011 to help Dog Scouts of America inspire and assist people to be responsible dog owners who provide lifetime, loving homes to well-mannered dogs.

	Name of Sponsor	phone/e-mail	Amount	Collected <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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+ Total Collected via FirstGiving:

Grand Total Funds Collected:

* Patches can be awarded for every \$50 raised—Please specify the number of patches you would like based on your eligibility _____. If not specified, you will be awarded one patch if you raise \$50 or more.

Information About the Hike-a-Thon

About DSA

Dog Scouts of America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Dog Scouts of America aims to inspire people to be responsible dog owners who provide loving, lifetime homes to their dogs, enjoying the benefits of each other's companionship, and to provide people with the tools and information to help solve any problems that arise with positive and effective training.

DSA also encourages people to get out and enjoy time with their dogs, as we know this is great for the health and welfare of both dogs and people!

About the Hike-a-Thon

• **Choose your commitment.** You can choose a mileage for a single day-hike, or you can set a goal of a total mileage to be completed during the entire month. Write this on your pledge form. (Keep safety in mind when choosing!)

- **Register.** Register online at www.FirstGiving.com/dogscouts, or use the form below to register. There is no registration fee.
- **Collect pledges.** Ask friends and family if they would like to support your fundraising efforts. You can use the attached pledge form for in-person fundraising, and you can also create a FirstGiving page for online fundraising.
- **Complete your commitment.**
- **Send in pledges.** Pledges collected online via FirstGiving will automatically go to DSA. For other pledges, send in the attached pledge form with checks payable to DSA.
- **Patches and Prizes.** The patch pictured here will be awarded to participants who raise \$50 or greater in pledges. Prizes will be awarded to the top individual fundraiser and top troop fundraiser ("top fundraiser" will be based on highest total dollars raised, and participants must indicate their troop # during registration to be counted toward troop totals.)



Using FirstGiving to register / collect pledges

- **Go To: www.firstgiving.com/dogscouts.** You can register online, as well as create a personalized fundraising page. (Using FirstGiving is OPTIONAL, but it's a great way to raise funds and is EASY to use!) be sure to enter your team as "DSA Troop ____" if you are on a troop team.
- **Spread the Word:** You can share your fundraising page with friends and family all over the world via e-mail, FaceBook, Twitter, etc.
- **Online donations.** People click on the link to your page, then use credit cards or PayPal to donate online.
- **Type in donations you collect in person.** You can also enter onto your FirstGiving page any pledge amounts you collect in person. If you have a FirstGiving page, please ensure you enter all of your donations, so that we can take advantage of tracking our progress real-time!

Entry Form:

Name: _____

Canine Companion(s): _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Troop #: _____

My Commitment: _____ miles hiked

on _____ (date)

OR

during the month of May 2011

Liability Waiver:

(must be signed prior to participation)

I agree to take full responsibility for my person and any animal(s) I participate with. I will not hold Dog Scouts of America, or any of its staff or volunteers, responsible for any damage or injury. I understand that hiking is a vigorous activity not without risks, and that I should choose a mileage commitment that is safe for both myself and any animals hiking with me, based on our fitness levels. I understand that I should keep safety in mind when I choose the distance, site/path, and day and time of my hike(s).

Signature: _____

Date: _____



Please send signed registration forms to Ann Withun at the address below.

After completing your mileage commitment and collecting pledges, please forward your pledge form, and any pledges collected in person (checks payable to DSA only, please write a check for any cash collected!) - mail these to Ann Withun at the address below.

"Snail mail": DSA Hike-a-Thon
c/o Ann Withun
161 Beetem Hollow Road
Newville, PA 17241

Signed forms may be scanned and e-mailed to: ann@withun.com