

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!*

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* Patches 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.



5th Annual Dog Scouts of America National Hike-a-Thon



People and dogs across the nation will hit the trails in **June 2015** to help Dog Scouts of America inspire and assist people to be responsible dog owners who provide lifetime, loving homes to well-mannered dogs.

Information About the Hike-a-Thon

About Dog Scouts of America (DSA)

DSA 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. Your dog does not need to be a Dog Scout to participate, in fact you can be a part of the Hike A Thon without a dog if you are somehow between dogs. You could choose to dedicate your miles in memory of a beloved dog who has crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

- 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. A Hike-a-Thon patch will be awarded to participants who raise \$50 or greater in pledges; DSA logo bag & water bottle for those who raise at least \$200; and \$50 or



\$100 gift certificates for raising \$500 or \$1,000.

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 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 _____

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: _____



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 **Sally Hoyle** at the address below by

"Snail mail": Sally Hoyle
10080 John R Street
Whitmore Lake, MI 48189

Signed forms may be scanned & emailed to: sally.hoyle@yahoo.com