



About the Hale Service Society

The Hale Service Society continues a longstanding tradition of service at Hale by volunteers who are trustworthy, helpful, friendly, and cheerful. Membership is open to community members who have volunteered their time, talent, and energy for the betterment of Hale. Participation is strictly voluntary, there are no membership fees, and membership is valid on a calendar-year basis.

Our Service Crews

True to Robert Sever Hale's belief that people can expect more fun out of life in the company of others, the Society assigns members to one of three Service Crews. Think of each Service Crew as a smaller community of similar volunteers:

Friends are individuals who contribute their time and effort on their own or with friends and family. Hale provides materials and supplies for these volunteers.

Scouts are Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who are pursuing Eagle Scout or Gold Award status. They fundraise for their projects and procure their own materials and supplies.

Benefactors are volunteers who contribute time, effort, and money to Hale. Organizations, whose gifts significantly defray the cost of volunteer activities and support outdoor programs for children and families throughout the Greater Boston Area, may be Benefactors as well. Organizations decide to help Hale in one of two formats:

- **Service Journey** – Service Journeys are single one-day service projects. Organizations bring their employees, members, or students to Hale for a half day of volunteer activities and a half day of either (a) teambuilding facilitated by Hale or (b) programming coordinated by the organization (e.g. barbeques, games, hikes, etc.).
- **Service Quest** – Service Quests are multiple one-day service projects over three successive years. Each year, organizations bring their employees, members, or students to Hale for a half day of volunteer activities and a half day of either (a) teambuilding facilitated by Hale or (b) programming coordinated by the organization. Service Quests afford organizations an opportunity to establish their own tradition, revisit and build on core values, and help volunteers sustain their commitment to Hale.

Benefits

Hale Service Society members receive our biannual e-newsletter, *News from the Crews*. Originally the newsletter for the Rover Scouts of Scoutland, this repurposed publication features an exclusive look at recent volunteer activities, profiles, property improvements, program happenings, and upcoming projects. Society members are also welcome to join our online community on Facebook to exchange ideas, share photos, and more. Finally, members are recognized for their contributions at Hale's Annual Meeting, and organizational Benefactors may be acknowledged in various publications. But nothing we could offer by way of benefits would compare with the satisfaction of knowing that, in the words of Mr. Hale, you have joined a distinguished community of individuals who help carry on the organization.