

South Fork Ruritan Club

24 Trees – 34 Volunteers – 98 Hours Volunteered

Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at South Fork Ruritan Club

Members of the South Fork Ruritan Club teamed up with Boy Scouts of America Troop 162 for this project. Together, they planted a mix of 24 trees at the South Fork Ruritan Club in Oak Flat, WV on October 11, 2016.

Not only were the scouts eager to plant their trees, but they were also excited about working towards earning merit badges in Soil & Water Conservation, Forestry, Environmental Science, and Pulp & Paper.

The project leader, Charles King, is a member of the South Fork Ruritan Club as well as the Assistant Council Commissioner for the BSA Stonewall Jackson Area Council.

Several days before the tree planting, the holes were augured and the trees

and materials were distributed to the holes.

On planting day, Charles led a discussion with the scouts about the different types of trees and the benefits of planting trees. Once the scouts knew the task, they worked independently from the adults and planted all of the trees properly.

Charles and five scouts came back after the trees were planted to cut wire cages to place around all of the white pine trees to protect them from deer browse.

The scouts have committed to watering the trees during



their weekly meetings, as well as monitoring the growth of the trees so that they can work towards earning merit badges.

These scouts have truly upheld the “[Outdoor Code](#)” by planting trees—great job!

A word from the Project Leader, Charles King:

“South Fork Ruritans members are very pleased with the planting done by the scouts [and] scouts enjoyed planting the trees. [Their] hopes are for their children and others to see what work was accomplished while in scouting.”



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