

TROOP 258G AND THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA LAND CONSERVANCY

Troop 258 decided to team up with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy (PVPLC). They needed help protecting native plants on the PV Peninsula, so we joined their “Adopt-A-Plot” program to take ownership of an area in the Lunada Bay Canyon. Volunteers were taught how to identify native and non-native plant species and to create a “halo” around the native ones, allowing them to flourish and “come back.” They were taught how to safely remove the non-native plants using them to help the soil.



We began this service project on March 15th, right when the schools and businesses started closing. Troop 258’s service was especially needed because the PVPLC’s regular volunteer days were all canceled, and they were used to having hundreds of volunteers every weekend. At first the Scouts were allowed to be together when they volunteered, but then the guidelines became more and more strict as the Corona Virus situation worsened. Soon, the Scouts were not allowed to volunteer together but still volunteered in family groups.

The parents were very supportive of the troop’s commitment. Then, we were only allowed to volunteer in family pairs! Through it all, the Scouts remained cheerful and committed to the organization, eventually donning masks and orange vests! Besides learning the importance of conservation, I definitely believe they received a lesson in perseverance, flexibility, and tenacity.

Each of the members of Troop 258 who participated in this project will receive a Conservation Good Turn patch and the Troop itself will receive a certificate.