



## Scouting for Service: Cache In Trash Out

### Celebrating Scouting's Commitment to the Outdoors

Cache In Trash Out is an ongoing environmental initiative supported by the worldwide geocaching community. Since 2002, geocachers have been dedicated to cleaning up parks and other cache-friendly places around the world. These volunteer efforts help preserve the natural beauty and integrity of our outdoor resources.

In Spring 2010, the Boy Scouts of America will launch the first national BSA Cache In Trash Out (CITO) event. Geocachers and Scouts will have an opportunity to participate in coordinated nationwide clean-up efforts. Local BSA councils will partner with geocachers to develop clean-up events in their local communities on the same day (or weekend) at councils across America. Together, we will make an enormous positive impact. Did we mention that we also have a bit of fun while we are at it?

The First Annual National BSA Cache In Trash Out event is scheduled for **Saturday, May 15, 2010**.

### Participating in a BSA CITO Event

You can organize your council CITO and accomplish much more with the help of other people. Contact a land manager or other local nonprofit organization, and work with them to determine the needs of the community.

While the national event is scheduled for May, a CITO can happen any time of the year that works for your location. Always be sure to seek permission before cleaning up any areas that may be on private property.



### Event Planning Resources

There are several resources already in place to help you plan a successful CITO event. They're available in the Get in the Game! toolkit on *YourSource*, Geocaching.com, and Geoscouting.com.

- To start, read through the materials in the **Get in the Game! toolkit** on *YourSource*.
- A must read: Take a look at Geocaching.com's **Frequently Asked Questions** about planning a CITO event.
- Visit the **Groundspeak Forums** to post a public question. Any geocacher in the world will be able to read your question and provide helpful assistance.
- Download a **CITO logo** for your use on event pages.

### Geocaching.com Listing

As with all of the public listings for our Get in the Game! activities, we ask that you use our template when posting your event on the public Geocaching.com Web site. This posting has been pre-approved by Geocaching.com and will be accepted by the site's reviewers.

Geocaching.com will allow us to create a common cache listing to make this a true “Mega-CITO” event! The link [www.geoscouting.com/citoevent](http://www.geoscouting.com/citoevent) will put all of the CITO events collectively on one page with links to your event.

**Geocaching.com Listing: Event Title**

Scouting for Service CITO — [Insert Council Name]

**Geocaching.com Listing: Event Description**

GIANT BSA CITO event May 15! The Boy Scouts of America is organizing a National Cache In Trash Out day for all the Scout councils in the nation. For Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing crews, adult volunteers, alumni, and ALL OF US CACHERS! Visit [www.geoscouting.com/citoevent](http://www.geoscouting.com/citoevent) for more information on all of the National BSA CITO events.

We will meet at [location] at [time] a.m. The morning has CITO activities for all age groups, from Cub Scouts to grandparents. The project entails [list details of the project and any equipment needed].

Join [Council Name] for a day of service and fun!

Please put the number of hours you worked in your log so we can tally up the service hours from our national CITO.

**Notes**

If you want to put on a fun geocaching event for the public, you can also add that to your posting — after you describe your CITO project. Here’s an example:

*After a BYO lunch, we will have a “How to Geocache” session for the kids (and adults!) who don’t know how to do it, and set up some new caches for the experienced folks.*

