

## The Haven At Skanda Volunteer Fun Patch



- To earn this badge complete two of the volunteer jobs listed in the appropriate age category for you/your troop at the Haven at Skanda Farm\*, as well as the four other listed activities

\*Contact Ellen Beckerman at [ellen@thehavenatskanda.org](mailto:ellen@thehavenatskanda.org), to discuss which volunteer jobs will be available the day of your visit and decide which two jobs you are going to complete. Have your top four activities from the list below in mind to tell Ellen.

### Younger kids or kids with physical limitations

1. Groom the mini-donkeys (brush them to keep them clean and also bond with them, this feels good for them and is good for their health)
2. Care for chickens and fox watch: Throw scratch (a treat of corn and seeds) to the chickens and keep watch to make sure foxes don't come around while the chickens are out.
3. Help to feed mini-donkey babies
4. Put halters on the mini-donkeys and help them learn to walk on a lead line
5. Wash animal dishes



### Older kids (10+) - activities for this age include all of the jobs from the column above as well as this column

1. Muck the mini-donkey stalls — using a pitchfork and a wheelbarrow, remove manure from the mini-donkey stalls and put down fresh sawdust as their bedding
2. Clean a small goat stall — using a wide lightweight aluminum shovel, remove bedding and hay from an area about 4x10 and put down fresh sawdust
3. Clean the walls of the goat barn — using warm soapy water and a scrub brush or sponge, wipe down the walls of the goat barn and remove any dirt
4. Sweep goat barn and use a broom to remove cobwebs from ceiling
5. Remove hay from the goat paddock - using pitchforks and wheelbarrows, pick up hay from around the goats feeder and bring to the dump area

## Other Activities

- Visit the About drop down on Skanda's website, <https://www.thehavenatskanda.org/> and learn about their story. What was the name of the horse that gave inspiration to this nonprofit?
  - If the story of Skanda is too emotional, look at the Meet the Animals page instead.
- The Haven at Skanda has rescued a few endangered species and is keeping them safe and loved at their farm. Individually, make a list of five endangered animals in the world and research one fact about each of them, then share with the group.
- Complete this word scramble made with vocabulary words from the farm. (If the word scramble is too difficult, draw a picture of their favorite animal at Skanda).  
[Farm Word Scramble](#)
- Watch a cute and funny animal video of your choice  
Ex: Funny farm animal videos, cute farm animals

## Optional Activity!

- Post a picture of you or your group at Skanda or with a Skanda animal on their facebook page. (Talk to Ellen to do so)

