



ENHANCING THE CLUB EXPERIENCE.....

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Month 1	<p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect magazines or books for hospital waiting rooms, a library book sale, nursing homes or rehabilitation facilities. • Coordinate in a community effort to provide school supplies or clothes to those in need. • Volunteer to read a children's book relevant to a major project to an afterschool group, Sunday school nursery or Head Start program.
Month 2	<p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsor a Bicycle Safety Check-up Event in your community. • Distribute Halloween Safety Tips to children in your community. • Volunteer to change smoke alarm batteries for elderly family members or those who might need assistance.
Month 3	<p>November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer at a local food bank or food pantry. Projects could include painting, stocking shelves, sorting incoming foods or putting together food boxes. Locate a food bank near you. • Locate a gleaning program in your area and make plans to be part of helping provide emergency hunger relief to those in need. • Contact the local Meals on Wheels, or a similar organization, to see if they take donations for holiday desserts, or make table decorations to be delivered with the Thanksgiving meals.
Month 4	<p>December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize a clothing, coat or shoe drive. The link listed helps you plan a clothes drive if one is not in place in your community. • Have your Clothing Project Group sponsor set up a mending party to sew on buttons and mend donated items. • Participate in an Angel Tree Program in your community.
Month 5	<p>January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide help and hugs for homeless animals by contacting a local animal shelter. Perform an internet search for Animal Shelters across the state by area code. Projects could include collecting pet food, improvement projects at the shelter, sponsoring a fund raiser, as well as many other opportunities. • If you meet the age requirements, volunteer at your local animal shelter. • Consider adopting a homeless animal through an area shelter. REMEMBER, this is a FAMILY decision. • Volunteer to bathe, walk or help an elderly or physically challenged individual with pet care. • If you are ready for the BIG TIME, look into being a partner in the training of animals to assist the physically challenged.
Month 6	<p>February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share hugs by collecting stuffed animals, bears, dolls or other related toys to donate to local police, emergency personnel, or child abuse workers. Learn about programs, such as Bear the Burden. The stuffed animals are distributed when military personnel are deployed or when children are in high stress or injured situations. • Wear red on Valentine's Day in recognition of family, friends, and neighbors who have suffered from heart disease. • Make posters to remind everyone to exercise, stop smoking and watch their diet for heart health.
Month 7	<p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan a community clean-up or landscape day, or assist at a community garden. • Weed a flower bed or plant flowers for someone who is unable. • Flowers do brighten the world. Take a plant to a nursing home or hospital patient.



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Month 8	April <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distribute flag etiquette information to club and community members.• In partnership with a local veterans, or military group, sponsor a flag burning ceremony for damaged US Flags.• Write a letter to a former 4-Her or 4-H family member in the military. References for Community Service Activities: Students in Service to America (SISTA): A Guidebook for Engaging America's Students in a Lifelong Habit of Service. Corporation for National and Community Service, U.S. Department of Education, Points of Light Foundation, and USA Freedom Corps, 2002.
Month 9	May <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plan a project for Make a Difference Day.• Tell five people how they made a difference for you! Better yet, send them a note!