

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES



A very important part of your 4-H work should involve planning and being involved in community service activities that are directly related to your project. There are usually many community service activities that are directly related to your project. These are excellent projects in which to be involved. However, a successful 4-H'er is also involved in many community service activities outside the area of their main project. Many times these are activities that a group of 4-H'ers will do together.

Leadership is also an important part of 4-H. Many of the activities you are involved in will develop your leadership skills. Many community service projects require people to step forward and provide leadership. Be sure to seek out opportunities to develop your leadership skills.

Listed below are examples of activities that provide opportunities for community service work, leadership, or both. This list is intended to spark your own ideas which may be better than the ones listed here.

- ▶ Prepare and deliver holiday gift/treats for needy children or the elderly
- ▶ Adopt-a-future 4-H'er (primary school student) to help with homework
- ▶ Volunteer at local hospital or nursing home
- ▶ Join a local committee on town improvement
- ▶ Adopt-a-Highway clean-up project
- ▶ Volunteer to assist with Special Olympics
- ▶ Organize a school beautification project
- ▶ Plant trees, shrubs, or flowers to beautify your community
- ▶ Collect books for county library book sale
- ▶ Volunteer to work with your local blood drive
- ▶ Raise funds for a non-profit organization
- ▶ Work on a Salvation Army project
- ▶ Participate in a Bike-a-Thon or Rock-a-Thon to benefit charity

- ▶ Serve as Page for the Georgia Legislature
- ▶ Make and deliver goods to a nursing home
- ▶ Make Christmas, birthday, or Valentine cards for a nursing home.
- ▶ Donate books or magazines to a nursing home
- ▶ Provide entertainment for a nursing home.
- ▶ Adopt-a-grandparent and visit them weekly
- ▶ Conduct a can food drive for the needy
- ▶ Collect recyclables
- ▶ Collect clothes for a county or church “clothes closet”
- ▶ Donate clothes, food or money to disaster victims
- ▶ Shop for groceries once a month for an elderly shut-in
- ▶ Assist with summer reading program at your community library
- ▶ Serve as a buddy for a special education student
- ▶ Volunteer with your church nursery
- ▶ Correspond with a pen pal from another country
- ▶ Read to residents at a nursing home
- ▶ Write your representative or congressman concerning a current issue
- ▶ Assist with a local health fair
- ▶ Assist with decorating community centers for the holidays
- ▶ Adopt a area surrounding your town’s welcome sign and maintain
- ▶ Conduct a seatbelt safety campaign
- ▶ Show appreciation for county officials by providing refreshments during their meetings (Commissioners, School Board)
- ▶ Volunteer to be a “Peer Counselor “ with your school
- ▶ Join a civic organization
- ▶ Volunteer at a day-care center
- ▶ Collect items and/or send letters to military personal overseas



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1. Describe your project using as much detail as possible.

2. Who will meet with your 4-h leader to discuss the project?

3. Who will coordinate the actual project?

4. Do you need to get prior permission or training prior to beginning your project? Who will you need to work with for these?

5. What materials will you need for the project? How will you get the materials?

6. How many 4-H'ers and leaders will you need to help? What age 4-h'er would be best?

7. What kind of time commitment will you and each 4-H'er need to make for the project to be a success?

8. How will you publicize your project?

9. Other details or considerations . . .