



4-H Community Service Project



Step It Up!

Pass it on! Now that you know how, share it with others. Here are ideas to get you started

Citizenship/ Leadership

- Make arrangements for your club's next service project
- Participate in the state service project

Are you Into It?

Make a difference. Discover the needs of your local community and beyond!

Youth Service...Youth Leadership...Youth Voice...Youth Involvement...Youth/ Adult Partnerships. There are a number of terms used in the field to talk about the role young people play in decision-making. Youth voice refers to the ideas, opinions, involvement, and initiatives of people considered to be "young."

Communication

- Investigate a historical leader and doing an illustrated talk on their accomplishments
- Volunteer to serve on a committee for your next town celebration

Here's what you can do all year!

Starting Out Basic

- Find out what foods low-income senior need; collect those foods and donate them to a food bank
- Learn about young children's literacy needs; go to a day care center and read aloud to them
- Learn about shelter pets; participate in pet adoption days
- Investigate waterways that are polluted and join in a restoration project
- Evaluate current service projects to make sure they are meeting the needs of the community

Learning More Intermediate

- Partner with a local food bank to regularly collect food for low-income seniors that meet their nutritional needs
- Work with the local library to select age-appropriate children's books. Make book bags for the children to carry books home
- Team up with an animal rescue group. Teach the dogs basic manners so they will be more adoptable
- Find service groups in your community and partner with them

Expanding Horizons Advanced

- Meet with policy makers and encourage them to fund senior nutrition programs
- Conduct a campaign to encourage uncles, aunts, cousins & grandparents to read aloud to young children
- Create & distribute materials on pet overpopulation and the need to spay and neuter

Healthy Living

- Coordinate a walk-a-thon to raise money for a health-related non-profit
- Develop an anti-smoking campaign for junior & senior high school students

Science

- Develop a project to label storm drains and protect waterways
- Be a Citizen Scientist! Collect data that will be analyzed by professional researchers!



Expand Your Experiences in Community Service!

- Compile a list of potential community service ideas from community groups to promote to other youth groups.
- Participate in program planning, development, and implementation.
- Contact your county IFAS Extension Office for workshops, activities, and events related to community service
- Check out camps at the Florida 4-H Center: florida4h.org/camps/
- Register for 4-H University to attend workshops, participate in community service events, hear keynotes, compete in contests, have fun, and meet other youth from across Florida who may share common interests florida4h.org/programsandevents/_4hu/
- Interested in a career in education, development, or public service? Schedule a visit with the University of Florida: ufl.edu

Project Sharing Ideas

- Exhibit a calendar or log of weekly responsibilities in your home.
- Give a presentation on the steps of a service learning project.
- Develop a graphic organizer to showcase the points of interest in your community

Resources

4-H Project Resources

Project materials to assist youth in learning may be available through your county 4-H office or you can order directly.

Available at National 4-H:
www.4-hmall.org

Service Learning:

- Agents of Change
- Raise Your Voice
- Helper Guide

Public Adventures:

- Adventure Kit
- Handbook

Available at EDIS:

edis.ifas.ufl.edu/

Learning by Doing: Utilizing Service-Learning Projects

Connections and Events

Attending events and taking advantage of opportunities that will expand your project learning will help you become the best you can be.

Attend other statewide events. Check them all out at florida4h.org

NON-COMPETITIVE EVENTS

- 4-H Day of Service
- Florida 4-H Council State Project

COMPETITIVE EVENTS

- Demonstration and Illustrated Talks
- Community Pride Program
- Public Speaking Contests
- Photo Exhibit
- Poster Art Program

Record Keeping

Learning to take good records of what you do and what you spend for your project is a 4-H life skill.

The following record keeping forms can help you keep a records of your activities.

Project Report Forms can be found at florida4h.org

- Junior (ages 8-10)
- Intermediate (ages 11-13)
- Senior (ages 14-18)
- Financial summary
- Member Portfolio (ages 8-13)

Awards and Recognition

Florida's Recognition Program involves feedback through:

- Participation
- Setting Goals
- Meeting Standards
- Peer Competition
- Cooperation

Certificates, pins, ribbons, trophies, trips and/or scholarships are awarded based on quality of performance at the county, district, state, and national levels.

To learn more about current recognition opportunities visit the Florida 4-H website at florida4h.org or contact your county 4-H agent.

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or contact your local UF/IFAS Extension County Office

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